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## **Charlie Hillsman, '71, passes away**

**Charles E. Hillsman, '71,** has lost his battle to stomach cancer. The Confederate reenactor general officer had seemed to recover after extensive surgery, but he collapsed and died at his home in Jetersville, VA on 17 December 2000.

The Hillsman home stood on the site of one of the last battles of the Civil War. His family home had been a hospital for both Federal and Confederate casualties.

At left, an honor guard accompanies Hillsman's body to the cemetery. Photo by **Gary Nicholson, '70**. Story on page 29.

## **Registrations running ahead**

# **Reunion 2001 salute to jocks**

Spectator, participant, cheerleader: it matters not which you were when you went to Augusta. Reunion 2001 is for all of you, but is a special salute to every cadet who ever played on any AMA team.

The first weekend in May is the time for this year's reunion. The early bird reception will be on Thursday evening 3 May. Friday will feature a tour of historic New Market, the AMA Golf Open, and the annual AMA-Fishburne Tennis Match, this year dedicated to the late **Les Higbee, '35**. The annual Awards Banquet will be held Friday night where **Jim Stillwagon, '67**, will make brief remarks. On Saturday 5 May, class photos will be taken at breakfast followed by the annual member-

ship meeting. Korean and Vietnam War plaques will be dedicated at the AMA Alumni House followed by lunch in the gym.

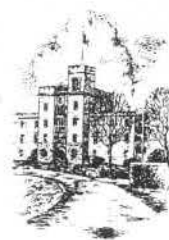
After lunch, athletic team photos will be made, including a gathering of former AMA cheerleaders.

The annual Founders Day ceremonies will be held in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery followed by a sporting clays shoot. The day ends with Kentucky Derby and Cinco de Mayo parties, and a pizza party dance. Packed days for everyone!

There will be an attempt to recognize all the championship teams AMA has had. Page 15. A wonderful few days with old friends and new, saluting the brightest and the best in Augusta's long and proud athletic tradition.



## Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.



Spring 2001

Dear Fellow Alumnus:

During the past two presidencies, the AMA Alumni Association has become an outfit that we can all be proud of. Under the excellent leadership of **Gary Nicholson, '70**, many of the successful undertakings that we enjoy today were started.

It was during Gary's time that **Bill Klinck, '62**, asked me to help him establish a new scholarship. That was done and today we have the AMA Legacy Scholarship program. **Bob Bradford, '50**, became the new editor of *The Bayonet*, and that has become the most important publication of our association. **B. J. d'Orsay, '70**, put us on the internet and began establishing our website. And what a website it is!

Gary finally stepped down to become my Vice President so that we could continue the progress. With new added effort, the progress continued and grew. Our first effort was to create an endowment fund that will help us underwrite our Association into the future. The Roller Society was established and **Jeff Wenzel, '70**, plus Bob Bradford through *The Bayonet*, promoted it successfully.

Since we cannot have our school, the Pentecostals have leased to us the Roller-Robinson home where we now house our alumni offices and museum. What a labor of love this became! I can not tell you how many hours, or how much money, have been given by **Duke Fancher, '58**, **Steve Trent, '70**, **Bob Harris, '54**, **Terry Snow, '58**, **Gary Nicholson**, **Dave Conrad, '59**, **Rod Willey, '51**, and **Sue, Chief Cole**, **Don Studer**, **Frank Williamson, '60**, and **Ben Zinkhan, '60**.

To fund the Alumni House, the President's Council was created. The paver program was initiated for the same reason. These two programs have raised thousands of dollars for construction and outfitting of the House.

Our latest effort involves the creation of a foundation. On November 2, 2000, the AMA Alumni Foundation, Inc. was created. This organization will carry our good name and works far past the time when all of us are gone.

We have accomplished far more than any of us dared to think we would. The AMA Alumni House/Museum is a loving credit to all that we are. It has been said by many outside the Association that *The Bayonet* is the best newspaper of any alumni organization in the country; it is *that* good. The scholarships are supporting our kids as well as cadets at VMI.

A special thanks to the Fort Defiance Mafia — **Bob Bradford**, **Duke Fancher** and **Gary Nicholson**. It is these guys who deserve our hearty thanks for going above the call of duty.

As a parting word — much has been done and we have been very successful, but much is still left to do. Please, please, continue to support the Association and the Foundation with your time and money.

I will be around to help in any way possible.

*Goodloe Saunders, '57*

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

1928

**Bill Robinson** is still piloting his own plane at age 90, according to **Nate Adams**, '41. Bill was a five-year man at Augusta, Captain of C Company his senior year, co-captain of the boxing team, and an **A** Astra.

1931

**Hugh Kerr** was the father of the present day Staunton librarian. In the last issue, we identified her as **Mary Beimet Nutt** when, in fact, her name is **Mary Beirne Nutt**. Thank you, **Hilton Roller Grasty**, for making this correction.

1938

(NONE)

**Colonel Bob Reisacher** celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Christmas Eve. Congratulations, Bob! He lives in Santa Fe, NM.

1939

**Dr. Mel Alper** and Jane hosted **Mickey Gordon** and Libby at their Bermuda home at Christmas time.

1940

(NONE)

**Bob Beam** is owner of the Staunton Steam Laundry. Bob and Betty celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this past September.

1941

(CLAYTON RICH)

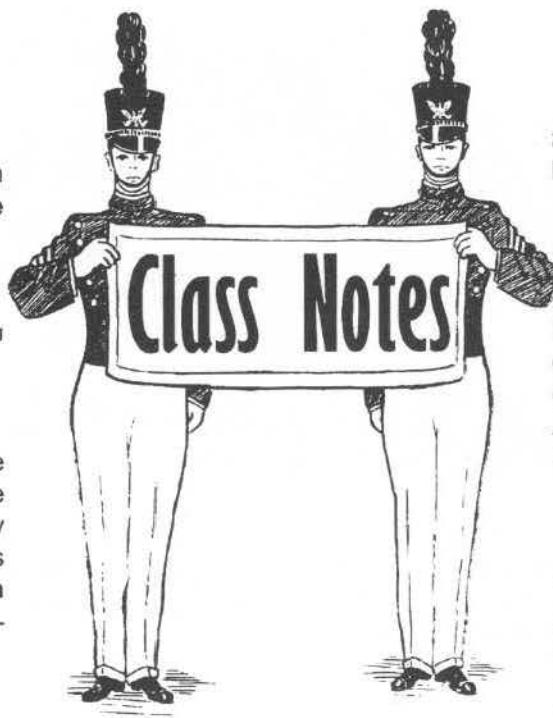
**John Minor** lives in Mount Vernon, OH where he has retired from the Coca Cola Company.

**Clayton Rich** lives in Atlanta with his wife, Sally. He is retired from having been a development director for Emory University.

1942

(NONE)

**Ott Heilman** lives in Kittanning, PA with wife, Mary Louise. He is a retired county commissioner.



the IRS!" Joe lives contentedly in Boynton Beach, FL.

**Chris Harrison** now is Volunteer Administrative Assistant at Queen Anne's County High School in Maryland. Chris has five children, five grandkids, and now has two great-grandchildren. His youngest son, Alan, is now a Naval officer in the Submarine Service.

1945

(NONE)

"**Shorty**" **Long** and Nancy live in Arizona. He has been retired since 1990. He was formerly President of Saguaro Acceptance Corporation, a dealer finance company.

1946

(NONE)

**Dave Brewer** reports that he is "happily settled into retirement here in Pawley's Island, SC."

1947

(NONE)

**John Herring** gets to see the world by housesitting for friends who are on vacation: Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver, Canada, Santa Ana and La Jolla, CA, Knoxville, and Bernardsville, NJ. "All these folks, wonderful friends from my 35 years at the University of Virginia."

**J. B. Simmons** and Linda will celebrate their 3<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary in May. J.B. is self-employed and owns Simco Vending Services in Tulsa, OK.

1948

(BILL HARRIS)

**Hal Walters** has settled into his new digs in Brevard, NC. He now has 12 grandchildren to keep up with! e-mail: halwaltjr@citcom.net

**Bill Aldrich** lives in Houston and says he uses a scooter for prolonged distances. "I'm always at the reunions in spirit," he says.



**HAPPY 84<sup>th</sup> - Julian Quarles, '35, found a great way to celebrate his birthday, at the helm on Biscayne Bay off Miami.**



**Al Tomlin** lives in Greensboro, NC where he and Lucy are enjoying life. *"We do lots of travelling and I get to play lots of tennis,"* he says. Hey, Al, we need you at Reunion 2001 to help us get the Hudgins-Roller Tennis Trophy back from Fishburne!

**1949  
(NONE)**

**Lewis Philhower** is semi-retired as a Senior Vice President for Paine Webber. He lives in Macon, GA.

**Richard McLaughlin** is on the Board of Visitors of Mary Baldwin College. Having retired from the aerospace industry, Richard now lives in Staunton, his boyhood home.

**1950  
(JIM LUPTON)**

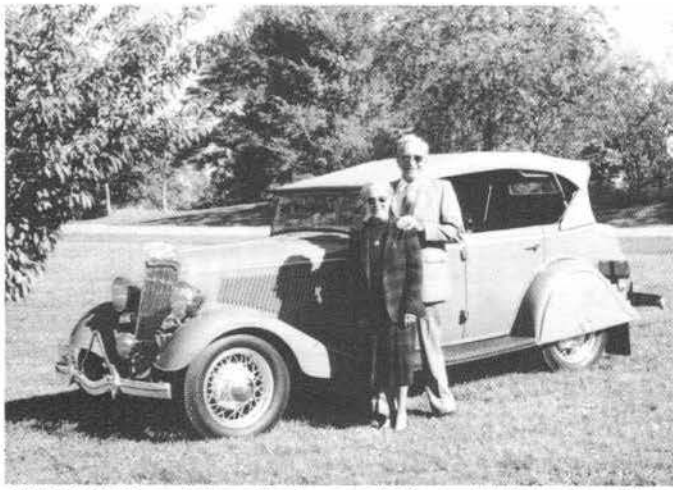
**Ed Click** and Suzanne visited family in Hawaii in January, spending two weeks on Maui and Oahu.

**Bill Hill** is Managing Editor for the South Carolina Veterinarian Association, and for the Virginia and North Carolina Academies of Small Animal Medicine. He also does consulting work with non-profits in Greenville, NC, his home town. Bill's wife, Joy, has been ill and he is able to do most of the work from home.

**1951 HONOR CLASS  
(FRANK PILLEY & HAP STARR)**

**Jack Hodge** and Mary Scott live in Blackstone, VA. He is the retired Chief Engineer of the Virginia Department of Transportation. Jack's e-mail address: JHodge@meckcom.net

**Colonel Frank Pilley** is an adjunct professor of mathematics at George Mason University in Northern Virginia. He retired from the Air Force as a bird colonel. He and **Hap Starr** are rounding up fellows from their class to come back to Fort Defiance in May for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their graduation from Augusta.



**CLASSICS - John Jackson, '46, and his wife, Mary Anne, with their 1934 Ford Phaeton. The Jacksons have a collection of vintage cars at their home in Summit Point, WV.**

**1952  
(JIM "SHAD" WHITE)**

**Tommy Mitchell** lives in Staunton with his wife, Connie. He retired from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

**Richard Chichester** is moving back to Virginia in August. He is the retired CEO of Select Sires, a livestock artificial insemination company, located in Ohio. He and his family will live in Falmouth. The Select Sires Board of Directors has named its Chicago headquarters in his honor.

**1953  
(NONE)**

**Lew Mundin** works part time in a men's store in Richmond and volunteers three days a week at the Westminster/Canterbury Retirement Home. His oldest daughter, Beth, has given Lew five grandchildren.

**Manuel Balbis**, retired President of Firestone Argentina, is a business consultant for Efficiency Production, Inc, and continues to operate Galaxy, a tire export company, all from his home in Miami.

**Tommy Simmons** has been elected President of the Deerfield Valley Homeowners Association. Deerfield Valley is in the western part of

Augusta County where Tom lives.

**1954  
(KEN HOKE)**

**Pete Stone** has moved from Florida to Mississippi where his new e-mail address is: PStone@mc.edu

**Manley Caldwell** is a lawyer in Palm Beach, FL. (No election jokes are permitted!) He attended Washington and Lee after graduation from AMA. He hopes to get back to Reunion 2001 which will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his first year at Augusta.

**Guy Townsend** owns and operates the Prestley Farm Nursery in Manquin, VA.

**Ken Hoke** has retired as Director of Information Services at Guilford of Maine, and now lives in Micaville, NC.

**Frank Suter** is in the dairy processing food industry selling chemicals and equipment. He and his wife, Alice, live in Conyers, GA. They are coming back to Reunion 2001!

**1957  
(GOODLOE SAUNDERS)**

**Phil Thomas** has sold a 1,200-acre tract of Fauquier County (VA) picturesque farmland (where he grew up) to a preservation group to keep it out of the hands of developers. The farm borders the Appalachian Trail and Sky Meadows State Park along the Route 50 corridor. The land is in the Ashby Gap, at the town of Paris, the site of many important Civil War troop movements, and considered by some to be one of the most breathtaking landscapes in America.

**1958  
(DUKE FANCHER)**

**Terry Snow** continues to recuperate from the effects of a stroke. He is a resident of the Carrington Nursing Home in Lynchburg. Mail should be sent to him at: 1516 Somerset Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503-2427. Phone



804/384-1228. You can e-mail Terry at: donbrah@aol.com

**Bob Seeberger** will not be able to make Reunion 2001 this year as he will be between jobs. We will really miss you, Bob. Bob and his late wife, Ruth, have managed the Silent Auction at recent reunions with steadily increased success. The auction last year raised more than \$1500.

**Bill Hedgepath** finally got lovely Lynette to marry him after 10 years of trying. As a wedding present to each other, they bought a motor yacht, and when they can steal some time away from work, are enjoying the boat. Lynette recently went solo with her law practice and has opened the Hedgepath Law Firm in Conway, SC.

1959

**(ELLIOTT RIDGE, DAVE CONRAD & LLOYD EASTLACK)**

**Carl Rodger Morris** is a STAT driver for Neighborcare, which is a division of Genesis Corporation. He was fleet manager for National Health Labs, Vice President of Hava Java Coffee Service, was president and owner of Absolute Carpets, and owner of the First Break Cafe and Double R Saloon. Carl and Brenda live in Sterling, VA. They have five children and six grandchildren.

**Dave Hunt** is coming back to Reunion 2001 from Oceanside, CA, and plans to visit Norfolk while he's back east. e-mail: thunt@yar.miracosta.cc.ca.us

**Bill Carroll** has moved from Pinellas Park, FL to Riverview, FL. e-mail: wcarroll@tampabay.rr.com

1960

**(FRANK WILLIAMSON & LUKE SNYDER)**

**Monty Ellis** has started a new enterprise: The Ferret Company. He "ferrets" out missing mineral and royalty owners for his wife Kitty's former clients in the oil and gas business. Monty and Kitty are now in Corpus Christi, but plan to move north for the spring and



**PULITZERS - The annual Achievement Summit, co-sponsored by the Elks National Foundation, heard from Scott Momaday, '52, right, winner of the Pulitzer prize for fiction. Others in the photo: Ofelia Zepedam, a professor of linguistics at the University of Arizona, and Neil Sheehan, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction.**

summer. If anyone is looking for missing heirs, you should contact Monty and Kitty. And if anyone is looking for lost AMA cadets, they'll look for them on a "as we have time" basis. E-mail: TheFerretCo@aol.com

**1961 HONOR CLASS  
(JACK STEELE)**

**Dr. Coleman "Nick" Carter** retired on 1 January 2000 from First Charlotte Physicians, and closed the door on his North Carolina medical practice. His wife Nancy Gardner Carter, **Colonel Gardner's** daughter, is a very active member of the Charlotte City Council.

**Jim Crawford** is Sales Director for Nortel Networks, a telecommunications equipment company. He and Betty live in Atlanta. Their first grandchild was born just before Christmas. Congratulations!

**The registrar for Reunion 2001 is  
BILL SCARBOROUGH, '69**

**If you have any questions regarding  
reunion registration, contact Bill at:**

**757/486-7166, or  
AMAREunion2001@aol.com**

1962

**(BOB RIDGEWAY)**

**Rod Rodriguez** is living in Sweden, but maintains a second home in Pflugerville, TX. You can e-mail Rod at: caludio3@swbell.net

**Bob Tiller** owns Miracle Water Sales and Service in Achilles, VA. He and his wife, Linda, have two children: Jennel and Kylene.

**Bill Brooks** owns Bill Brooks Arms and Militaria in Montgomery, AL.

1963

**(NONE)**

**Bob Hume** is Senior Vice President of TravelMates, and serves on the boards of the Virginia and United Motorcoach Associations. We are in Bob's debt for arranging luxury motor coaches for our day trips during the annual AMA reunions. Last year, Bob took the group to Lexington. This year, he will take them to New Market and to the Dayton Farmers Market. Thanks, Bob!

1965

**(NONE)**

**Lou "Ozzie" Osborne** is living in Williamsburg where he has worked for Verizon (C&P Telephone/Bell Atlantic) for the past 29 years. He is waiting to retire on the water on property he owns in Virginia's Northern Neck where he plans to start a day lily farm, and do lots of fishing! He recently was in touch with his roommate, **Gary McCloskey**, and with **Wayne Early** and **Rex Miller**.

**Joe Tyberghein** stopped by AMA in mid-January. Unfortunately, he was there on a day when the Alumni House/Museum was closed. Sorry we missed you, Joe. He lives in Lanoka Harbor, NJ. He said he enjoyed strolling along the walk reading the pavers on each side.

**Earl Pangborn** is in the last stage of a three year project to complete a large residence and guest house on the island of Rum Cay, Bahamas. "This is a remote

All Honor Classes have sparkplugs

# Class agent list has some vacancies

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!**

Listed here are the fellows who have volunteered to be Class Agents for their classes. We really appreciate what some of these guys did the last couple of years to energize their classmates to participate in the AMA Alumni Association, to donate to the scholarship and building funds, and to come back to AMA reunions. It is not too early to start encouraging alumni to come back for the 2002 reunion.

Here is a list of Class Agents from 1935 until the school closed. Is there a Class Agent listed for your year?

1935	Julian Quarles
1936	NONE
1937	NONE
1938	NONE
1939	Mickey Gordon
1940	NONE

## 1941 HONOR CLASS

### CLAYTON RICH

1942	NONE
1943	Earl Cabaniss & Norris Harrison
1944	NONE
1945	NONE
1946	NONE
1947	NONE
1948	Bill Harris
1949	NONE
1950	Jim Lupton

## 1951 HONOR CLASS

### HAP STARR & FRANK PILLEY

1952	Jim "Shad" White
1953	NONE
1954	Ken Hoke
1955	NONE
1956	NONE
1957	Goodloe Saunders

1958	Duke Fancher
1959	Elliott Ridge, Dave Conrad & Lloyd Eastlack
1960	Frank Williamson & Luke Snyder

## 1961 HONOR CLASS

### JACK STEELE

1962	Bob Ridgeway
1963	NONE
1964	Phil Mattson
1965	NONE
1966	NONE
1967	Mac McInnis
1968	Gordon Metz
1969	C. A. Pascale, Bill Scarborough, & Nick Syropoulos
1970	Jorge Roviroso & Bill Parkins

## 1971 HONOR CLASS

### GARY GRANGER & RICK MASCHAK

1972	Sam Wysong
1973	NONE
1974	Corey Koenig & Hayes Dickinson
1975	Brett Thompson & Bill Bruder

## 1976 HONOR CLASS

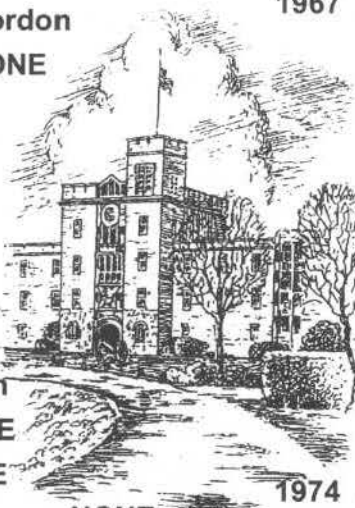
### JIM MITCHELL

1977	Shawn Ogimachi
1978	Henry Harris, II
1979	Ed Iskow & Tyrock Butler
1980	NONE

## 1981 HONOR CLASS

### TODD LIVICK

1982	NONE
1983	Wayne Kreson
1984	Chris Meek



island, to say the least... only 45 inhabitants." Earl is captain of a sportsfishing boat

**1966  
(NONE)**

**Ron Morgan** hadn't been back to AMA since he graduated, until this past fall when he came by Fort Defiance on the way home to Florida from Maryland. *"It was very early in the morning on a dark, wet day... I drove into the formation area at the front arch where my room was just above the arch. It was quite an experience for me."*

**1967  
(MAC McINNIS)**

**John Botcheller** is Chief Financial Executive for Hanvit Bank in Seoul, Korea. He and Nancy also maintain a home in West Hartford, CT. John worked for Price Waterhouse, Citibank and Aetna International before joining Hanvit Bank last year. e-mail: Botcheller@aol.com

**Mickey Toms** is in real estate and commercial property in the Charlottesville area. He has five children: Chuck, Brandon, Ashleigh, Peter and Francisco.

**Brock Wagner** lives in Boca Raton, FL where he owns Majestic Landscape Design and Maintenance. He and Vicki have a son, Brock, Jr.

**Alan Poole** is back on line from frigid North Dakota. His new e-mail address is: alanp@ndak.net

**Charlie Smith** and Sue live in Prospect, KY where he is Manager of UPS. They have two sons, Kyle, 23, and Alex, 16

**1969  
(BILL SCARBOROUGH, NICK SYROPOULOS & C.A. PASCALE)**  
**Bill Bowers** invites AMA alumni and friends to visit the beautiful State of Alaska, and to spend some time at the Agate Inn, his B&B in Wasilla. You can get more information at: alaska@agateinn.com



**FROM NOW 'TIL THEN - Norvell West, '83, recently visited the AMA Alumni House/Museum with his son, Winston, who donned an AMA jacket and picked up an officer's sword. The Wests live in Roanoke.**

**Howie Kaplan** gives us his new e-mail address: howiekap@optonline.net

**Nick Syropoulos** would like for this article to be printed in Raven PURPLE! He and Robin had such a great Ravens party during the playoffs that a Baltimore Sun reporter did a complete column on the bash. Can't imagine how Nick and Robin felt when the Ravens destroyed the NY Giants in the Super Bowl.

**1970  
(JORGE ROVIROSA & BILL PARKINS)**

**Mark Hillsman** is a practicing attorney in the U. S. Virgin Islands. He hosts a blues radio show on a St. Thomas station, and recently was certified PADI divemaster. His AMA roommate was **Dave Kirkpatrick, '69**, a bandsman.

**Steve Trent** retired from the Army

after 25 years with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He now is President of Grimsley's House of Tools, a family business, in Portsmouth. Steve and his wife live in Suffolk. Their daughter, Rebecca, is Assistant Director of City at Peace in Washington, DC. Son Adam is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Radford University. Gerri and Steve have volunteered to work at the Alumni House/Museum a few days this summer. Thanks, Gerri and Steve!

**Elliot Bavier** remembers when he, **Tom Cooper** and **Karl Haleamau** would hide under their beds on Sundays to skip church. E-mail him at: elliotb@pgatourhq.com

**1971 HONOR CLASS  
(GARRY GRANGER & RICH MASCHAK)**

**Joe Goldberg** has been General Manager of Super Lawns of Howard County (MD) for the past 25 years. He has three children: Joe, Jr., 26, whose first child is due; Michael, 23; and Pamela, 20. Joe, Sr. is engaged to be married to Trisha Horak.

**Steve Pearson** is helping find guys from the Class of '71 to get them back for their 30<sup>th</sup> reunion. Among others he has located are **Jim Bell**, **Jim Baron**, **Gary Cripps**, and **Robert Stump**.

**1972  
(SAM WYSONG)**

**Brian McCabe** has a new home in Wilton Manors, FL where he works for the world's largest crane rental company. Brian stays in touch with many of his old AMA friends... **Steve Traylor** and his brothers, **Joe Garry**, **Ross Mitchell** and **Al Zayas**. Brian is coming back for Reunion 2001.

**Sam Wysong** had a party in Corpus Christi in January to celebrate his retirement from the Navy.

**1973  
(NONE)**

**Tom Del Valle** is Vice President of Customer Service at American Airlines. He lives in Dallas with his wife,



Patti, and daughters Annie, 12, and Avery, nine.

**Wayne Childers** is owner of New Hope Greenhouses and Garden Center in Belmont, NC.

1974

(COREY KOENIG &  
HAYES DICKINSON)

**Yogi Hale** is looking for **Ed Dixon**, **Frank Geddie**, **Al Collins** and **Chris Bowman**. e-mail: inhydh@aol.com

1975

(BRETT THOMPSON &  
BILL BRUDER)

**Lieutenant Colonel Larry Nicholson** is back from six months in the Mediterranean. He is now stationed at Camp Lejeune where he is battalion commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Regiment. Son Andrew is a freshman at The Citadel, Danny is a junior at Lejeune High School, and Kevin is a freshman at LHS.

1976 HONOR CLASS  
(JIM MITCHELL)

**Frank Harris** is a civilian computer scientist for the Navy's Space Warfare Command (SPAWAR), assigned as network engineer for the Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet, Norfolk. He graduated from the University of Utah in 1981, and spent 10 years on active duty in the Navy. Today, he is a commander in the Naval Reserve assigned to the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Frank and his wife, Marilyn, have a 2 year old son. Frank also has a 19 year old son and a 14 year old daughter. He and Marilyn live in Virginia Beach.

**John Tyminski** also lives in Virginia Beach and is past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus. He has remarried "to a great person, Cindy. I have two stepsons, Nathan and Jonathan." John and Cindy are taking a cruise the first week of April.

1977

(SHAWN OGIMACHI)

**George Mineff** practices law in Rocky River, OH. He has been in the private practice since 1984, specializing in

criminal law, personal injury and workers compensation.

1981 HONOR CLASS  
(TODD LIVICK)

**Jorge Chulia** writes from Venezuela that he and his family will be coming back for his 20<sup>th</sup> reunion in May. He wishes everyone: *Un prospero año nuevo!*

**Major Todd Livick** entertained his parents, **Colonel Mal** and **Linda Livick**, at his home on the base at Fort Riley, KS over Thanksgiving, and brought his family back home to Fort Defiance for Christmas.

**Billy Berroa, Jr.** has been broadcasting Major League Baseball since 1988, and is the anchor for the weekly TV program *Extra inning in Nueva York*, aired both in New York City and in Billy's native land, the Dominican Republic. Billy and his wife, Helen, live in Flushing, NY. He currently



**Cadet Major Billy Berroa, 1981**

writes for *Hoy*, the Dominican newspaper with the largest circulation, and is National Director of the Independent Association of Prepaid Legal Services, Inc.

**Rick Clary** is living in Waco, TX and says he's doing great. He will be coming back to Reunion 2001. You can e-mail him at: cuda6363@aol.com and you can call him at 254/717-1068.

1983

(WAYNE KRESON)

**Steve Reech** has bought a paver on which he says that AMA is more

precious to him than life itself. He stopped by the AMA Alumni House last summer. Steve lives in Baltimore and has recently been on assignment in Florida. He is coming back for the reunion 3-6 May!

## '76ers' big reunion

**Jim Mitchell**, '76, runs a restaurant in Pittsburgh, but the main thing on his menu these days is getting his AMA classmates back for their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion.

Jim has been making personal phone calls to other fellows from the Class of 1976 in the hopes of getting 25 back for their 25<sup>th</sup> reunion. "A lot of things have happened in the last quarter of a century," Jim says, "and we need to get together to get caught up. We had some great athletes in our class and since they are being honored at the reunion, I'm hoping many of them can come back."

E-mail Jim at: Mitchburgh@aol.com.



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# WE'RE SALUTING CHEERLEADERS TOO!

When you talk about the winners at AMA, you can't forget the dedicated cheerleaders over the years.

In good seasons and not so good seasons, these fellows were always there, getting the crowd into the game. In the gym or on the field, they get mounds of credit for providing that winning home field advantage.

When we are taking photos of the AMA teams on Saturday 5 May, we want to get a group photo of all the cheerleaders too!



THESE CROUCHED CRUSADERS are cheerleaders from 1948-49. Left to right, Richard McLaughlin, Benito Chang, Milt Gallier, Bob Saunders and Dave Stanley.

## Reunion 2001 official and area hotels, and special AMA rates

### The Headquarters Hotel

Holiday Inn Golf and  
Conference Center  
\$75 a night + tax  
1/800/932-9061

### Official Hotels

Days Inn  
(formerly Host Inn)  
\$65 a night + tax  
1/800/752-3301

Best Inn  
(formerly Quality Inn)  
\$65 a night + tax  
540/248-5111

**AMA does NOT make hotel reservations. You need to make them yourself!**

The three hotels at left are located at Exit 225 off I-81, at Virginia Route 275.

### Other area hotels

Ingleside Hotel  
Still on Route 11  
1/800/556-8585

Comfort Inn  
Route 250 West  
1/800/228-5150

Hampton Inn  
Route 11 South  
1/800/426-7866

Shoney's Inn  
Route 250 East  
1/800/552-4667

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Route 250 East  
1/800/800-8000

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Route 250 East  
1/800/553-2666

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# Staunton CC hosts AMA Open, goodies needed

The fellows and gals who will play in the annual AMA Open on Friday 4 May probably like Willie Nelson's attitude toward golf.

Willie bought his own golf course, and when someone asked him what par was, he answered, "Anything I want it to be. See that hole over there? It's a par 47, and I birdied it yesterday!"

The rules in the AMA Open are not quite *that* relaxed, but there are mulligans for sale, lies about lies, and an occasional floating ball for the water hazards.

Tee time is set for 10:00 AM Friday at the Staunton Country Club.



AMA Golf Chairman Garry Granger, '71, is hoping for a big turnout, and is urging everyone who

## What we need here are some genuine goodies!

Does your company have golf balls, hats, golf tees, towels, umbrellas and such which can be part of each golfer's "goodie bag?"

We also need prizes to be awarded to the stars of the tournament.

## We'll also take cash!

If you can help, please get in touch with  
Lewie Kennett, '72  
930 Paradise Acres Drive  
Boones Mill, VA 24065  
540/721-3456  
e-mail: lckennett@aol.com

wants to play to sign up without delay.

## Need more ladies

Granger is hoping that more women will play this year. "We welcome the guys and the gals. It will be a great

**The 2001 AMA OPEN  
will be dedicated to  
the memory of  
Charlie Hillsman, '71**

time for everyone involved if the past couple of years are any indication."

The Staunton Country Club is adjacent to the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center, the reunion headquarters hotel. The format will be a scramble with best ball as a team. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and last place, as well as for longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt (successful putt, that is, **Femrite!**).

Green and cart fees, lunch and beverages are included in the \$75 registration fee. Mulligans: \$10 each.

## REUNION 2001 AMA GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY 4 MAY - STAUNTON COUNTRY CLUB

### 4 PERSON TEAM SCRAMBLE! (Captain's choice)

Use every player's tee shot twice - Lowest score wins!

### PROCEEDS TO THE AMA ALUMNI HOUSE/MUSEUM

### PRIZE AND CART-STUFFER DONATIONS APPRECIATED!

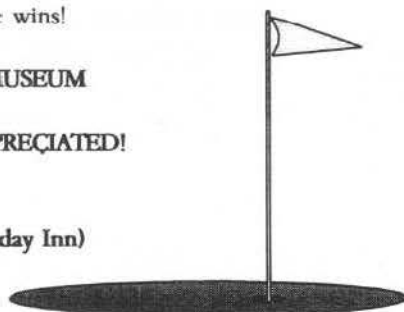
Contact Lewie Kennett - 540/721-3456

COURSE: Staunton Country Club (behind Holiday Inn)

TEE TIME: 10:00 AM

Friday 4 May

DEADLINE: APRIL 14



### EVERYONE WELCOME!

PRIZES - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, last place - Best putt!  
Longest drive! - Closest to the pin!  
Drawing for Mulligan prizes  
\$10 per Mulligan - limit 2 per player

FEE: \$75 per person includes  
green fees, cart, refreshments, box  
lunch, goodie bags, prizes

Complete form below (photocopy OK)

Make check to: AMA Alumni Association

Mail to: GOLF, % AMA Alumni Association  
P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance 24437

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP OR LAST 3 SCORES \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE BOX ☐ I'll play with anyone ☐ Team me with \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

We have a foursome: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_



# REUNION 2001

## THURSDAY 3 MAY

- 10:00 - Alumni House/Museum open
- Noon-3:30 PM - Early Bird registration  
PX open  
Holiday Inn
- 12:15-1:15 PM - Casual golf tee times at Ingleside
- 5:00-7:00 PM - Early Bird reception  
Staunton Country Club
- 7:30 PM - Registration Room reopens  
Hospitality Tent open

## FRIDAY 4 MAY

- 9:00 AM-6:30 PM - Registration Room open  
PX open  
Hospitality Tent open
- 9:15 AM - Tour of historic New Market  
VMI Hall of Valor  
Battleground  
Dayton Farmer's Market  
(Lunch on your own)
- 10:00 AM - Alumni House/Museum open
- 10:00 AM - AMA Open Golf Tournament  
Staunton Country Club
- 1:00 PM - AMA/FMS Tennis Tournament  
Staunton Country Club
- 5:30-6:30 PM - AMA Reception  
Hospitality Tent  
*Attire: Coat and tie*
- 7:00 PM - Annual Awards Banquet  
Holiday Inn Ballrooms  
Scholarship awards  
AMA Alumni Medals
- Cash bar open 7 PM;  
dinner at 7:30*
- 9:00 PM - Hospitality Tent reopens

## SATURDAY 5 MAY

- 8:00 AM - Continental Breakfast  
Hospitality Tent  
Class meetings, photos
- 9:30 AM - Annual membership meeting  
*followed immediately by*  
AMA Board of Directors meeting  
Holiday Inn
- 10:00 AM - Alumni House/Museum open
- 11:30 AM - Dedication of Korean War and  
Vietnam War Plaques  
AMA Alumni House
- Noon - Luncheon featuring  
**Jim Stillwagon, '62**  
AMA Gymnasium
- 1:00 PM - Sports pictures taken  
on front steps  
in front of  
Big Barracks,  
by team
- 2:30 PM - Founder's Day Ceremonies  
Augusta Stone  
Church Cemetery
- 3:00 PM - Sporting Clays Shoot  
Harrisonburg
- 5:00 PM - Informal Kentucky Derby Party  
Mint Juleps  
Hospitality Tent
- 6:00 PM - Cinco de Mayo Party  
Tequila shooters and  
special music  
Hospitality Tent
- 7:15-Until - Pizza Party and Hor d'oeuvres  
DJ and dance  
Hospitality Tent

## SUNDAY 6 MAY

- 10:00 AM - Alumni House/Museum open
- 11:00 AM - Sunday Service  
Augusta Stone  
Presbyterian Church

**Will you give us a couple of hours?** For too long, too few people have carried the entire burden for putting on the annual reunions. Please think about how you can help at Reunion 2001, and give some of your fellow cadets, *and their wives*, a break.

There is much to do and so few hands to do it with. We **really** need your help this year. We will have a "Duty roster" at the registration desk. **PLEASE SIGN UP!**

If you can help, please contact Reunion 2001 Chairman **Garry Granger, '71**, at 972/355-4996, or you can e-mail him at: [GGranger@FreshAdvantage.com](mailto:GGranger@FreshAdvantage.com). Or contact **Frank Williamson, '60**, at 804/673-9030, or e-mail: [Frank bev1@aol.com](mailto:Frank bev1@aol.com). **MANY THANKS!**



## AMA Korean War dead remembered

They call the Korean War "the forgotten war." Coming as it did between World War II and the Vietnam War, the Korean Conflict, as it was sometimes called, has melted into the four decade background of armed conflicts around the world.

But AMA has not forgotten its brave boys and men who answered President Truman's call to repel a June 1950 Communist invasion of South Korea. Before a truce was signed in July of 1953, 54,246 Americans had died, including two AMA boys. On 6 May at 11:30 AM, during Reunion 2001, a plaque will be unveiled in the AMA Alumni House/Museum in honor of those two brave young Augusta men.

**Gloyd E. "Woody" Rosen, '51**, a PFC in the Marine

Corps, was killed 7 October 1952 in North Korea. His body was never recovered. Rosen was from Staunton where his brother, Victor, still lives. Victor Rosen has been invited to the unveiling of the memorial plaque.

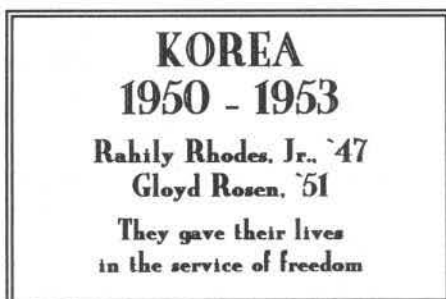
**Rahily Rhodes, Jr., '47**, was a 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant in B Company, 187<sup>th</sup> Regimental Combat Team, US Army. He died at Kumhwa on 21 July 1953, just four days before the armistice was signed. He is buried at Forest Lawn in Richmond, the city where he grew up.

Sometime after the war, a memorial went up in the Front



**HALF A CENTURY AGO - Here, by the WW I cannon in front of Big Barracks are Rahily Rhodes, '47, and Lewis Mundin, '53. Mundin, Rhodes' cousin, will represent the family at the Korean War plaque unveiling on Saturday 6 May.**

Arch remembering Rhodes' death, but AMA officials had not yet been notified of Rosen's death. Now, 48 years after the war ended, a new plaque will honor both.



## Class of '71 planning to fund museum software

The Class of '71 celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Reunion 2001 by striving to underwrite the costs of special software for the AMA Museum, and a digital camera to assist in cataloguing the many artifacts being donated to the museum.

**Garry Granger**, the 1971 class agent, has set a goal of \$2,001 to conform to their anniversary year. "I've told my classmates that we are trying to raise money for these two laudable purposes," says Granger. "I started the donations with \$250, and the money is starting to come in from the other fellows."

Granger has written to his class and enclosed a return envelope asking for financial support for the software and the digital camera. "I think we should challenge each class to sponsor things from our wish list," he says.

In his letter, Granger talked about "the good ole days" at AMA, and promised that this reunion will be special to all in his class.

So far, he can list several classmates who definitely will be coming to Reunion 2001: **Ron Melcher, Mark Femrite, Scott Rosenstein, Phil Meyers, Gary Understein, Tom Kubala, Kurt Benson and Joe Berman.**

Melcher, Femrite, Rosenstein and Granger will be working the phones over the next few weeks to get their classmates back to Fort Defiance the first weekend in May!

### 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

## Starr, Pilley continue to search for '51 classmates

Efforts continue to locate fellows from the Class of 1951 who will be celebrating their Golden Anniversary at this year's reunion. **Hap Starr** and **Frank Pilley**, the class agents, have located some of the missing, and are hoping others will turn up in the next several weeks.

Starr confirms that he has hard commitments from several classmates: **Jack Hodges, Kenny Day, Sid Taylor, John Core and Clay Santmyer.** "I also look for **A. B. Dabney**, and hope that **Phil Pelland** and **Bud Hargrave** will attend," Starr says. "If we get enough of our guys back, we'll try to have some special function for them."

Hap has been particularly proud of the fact that he has been able to find

some of his lost classmates without having to use one of those dadburned computers!

He has sent letters to everyone from the class who is on the AMA mailing list, and

Pilley has followed up with contacts of his own. Welcome back — 50 years later!



# Vietnam KIAs to be honored at Reunion 2001

Beauchamp.  
Drosd.  
Elman.  
Glazar.  
Gordon.  
Greene.  
Lang.  
Moran.  
MacIver.

Nine names. Nine young men who once marched across the drill field at Fort Defiance, who went to class in the Big Room, who played football and lacrosse, who swam and ran track and fenced, who sang in the Glee Club, and made the Honor Roll.

Nine young men who went off to an unpopular war, and did not come back.

The nine Augusta alumni who were killed in action in the Vietnam War will be remembered on Saturday 5 May during Reunion 2001 when a plaque is dedicated to their memory at the AMA Alumni House/Museum on the AMA campus. The dedication ceremony will begin at 11:30 AM.

**Goodloe Saunders, '57**, Alumni Association President, himself a Vietnam veteran, said, "A group of dedicated alumni did careful and extensive research to find the names of all AMA men who were lost in Vietnam. Those of us who came back from the war were not exactly greeted with brass bands, which makes even more poignant the supreme sacrifice made by the AMA Nine, and many others."

**Neil "Mac" MacIver, '61**, was one of the very first Americans to die in Vietnam. He was killed by hostile small arms fire on 29 May 1963 while

John Kennedy was still President of the United States.

**Charles Vanderbilt Lang, '59**, was killed in a helicopter crash on 12 September 1970, seven years later, and was the last AMA man to die in the war. A major, Chuck won the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with

September 1968.

**Otis Gordon, '46**, a major in the Air Force, crashed his fixed wing aircraft, and was shot and killed by North Vietnamese on the ground. He died on 19 November 1964.

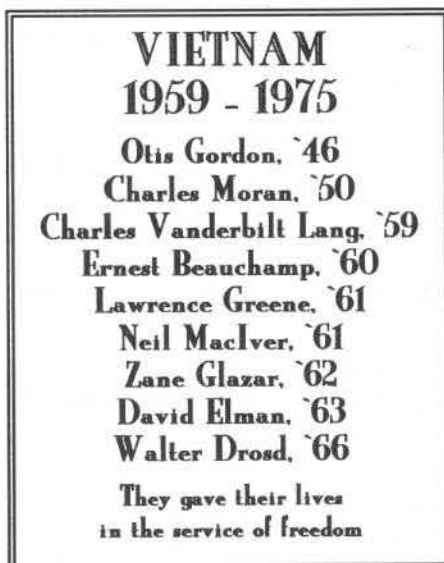
**Lawrence Greene, '61**, was a first lieutenant in the Army, and died 30 January 1968, five days after his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, from hostile small arms fire.

**Charles "Moe" Moran, '50**, was a Navy lieutenant whose aircraft went down at sea on 25 February 1965. He did not survive.

AMA alumni were asked to contribute toward the purchase of the plaque, and did so quickly and enthusiastically. To compile the List of Nine, a dozen AMA alumni painstakingly matched names on the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C. with names on AMA school records. Matches were made possible when full names, home towns and birth dates in AMA and Defense Department records conformed.

The war that wasn't a war, the war never declared by Congress, a struggle which tore America apart, nevertheless took more than 58,000 Americans, killed or missing.

Nine of them will be remembered again on 5 May at AMA.



11 oak leaf clusters, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with palm.

**Ernest Beauchamp, '60**, was killed by hostile small arms fire on 4 March 1967.

**Walter Drosd, '66**, died 28 May 1968 after having been hit by enemy artillery fire.

**David Elman, '63**, was killed by small arms fire on 30 March 1966.

**Zane Glazar, '62**, fell victim to an explosive device less than two months after he had arrived in Nam, on 23

## WE THANK THESE AMA ALUMNI FOR MAKING POSSIBLE THE AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY VIETNAM MEMORIAL

Luke Snyder, '60 ★ Mickey Toms, '67 ★ David Sauers, '61 ★ Frank Spencer, '49 ★ Bob Bradford, '50 ★ Bill Klinck, '62 ★ Marc Aronson, '68 ★ David Hunt, '59 ★ Lee Jackson, '61 ★ Ed Click, '50 ★ Goodloe Saunders, '57 ★ Bill McVey, '60 ★ Jim Councill, '49 ★ Duke Fancher, '58 ★ Bill Harris, '48 ★ Bill Blakely, '59 ★ Clyde Ramsey, '49 ★ Fred Welch, '67 ★ John Hipp, '63 ★



## Register on-line!

You can register for  
**REUNION 2001**  
by going to the AMA webpage  
**www.AMAalumni.org**



From *Recalls*, we have attempted to come up with a list of undefeated and championship teams at Augusta for 1923 through 1975. Because of publication deadlines, there was little data on Spring sports. Check through this list, and amend or add to it. There were no yearbooks after 1975, so we really need to hear from guys from those years about any great AMA teams.

1923 . . . . . Baseball, State Prep Champ Wrestling, State Prep Champ Swimming, State Prep Champ	1945 . . . . . Swimming, State Champ	1968 . . . . . JV lacrosse, undefeated Fencing, undefeated
1924 . . . . . Wrestling, State Prep Champ	1948 . . . . . Football, National Prep Champ Rifle, National Intercollegiate Champ Tennis, undefeated	1969 . . . . . Fencing, undefeated
1925 . . . . . Wrestling, State Prep Champ Swimming, State Prep Champ	1949 . . . . . Football, National Prep Champ Rifle, Hearst Trophy	1970 . . . . . Rifle, State Champ Basketball, Military League Champ Fencing, co-champ, Blue Ridge Lge
1926 . . . . . Wrestling, State Prep Champ Swimming, State Prep Champ	1951 . . . . . Basketball, State Champ Tennis, undefeated	1971 . . . . . Rifle, 1 <sup>st</sup> in Texas A&I Postal against 70 teams Fencing, undefeated
1927 . . . . . Baseball, State Prep Champ Wrestling, State Prep Champ Track, winner of State Meet	1952 . . . . . Football, State Champ Swimming, State Scholastic Champ Tennis, undefeated	1972 . . . . . Rifle, 1 <sup>st</sup> in Texas A&I Postal Fencing, Championship Trophy
1928 . . . . . Boxing, undefeated Swimming, State Prep champ Wrestling, State Prep Champ	1954 . . . . . Rifle, Hearst Trophy	1973 . . . . . Fencing, Blue Ridge League Champ JV lacrosse, undefeated
	1955 . . . . . Rifle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army Champ	

## AMA CHAMPIONSHIP & UNDEFEATED TEAMS

1929 . . . . . Swimming, State Prep Champ Wrestling, State Prep Champ	1956 . . . . . Rifle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army Champ	1974 . . . . . Football, undefeated
1930 . . . . . Wrestling, State Prep Champ Boxing, first in state meet Swimming, undefeated	1957 . . . . . Rifle, All State Trophy	1975 . . . . . Basketball, won tourney berth but tournament cancelled
1931 . . . . . Wrestling, Tri-state champ (VA, WV & NC)	1958 . . . . . Rifle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army Champ Rifle, State Champ	1976 . . . . . Football, undefeated
1932 . . . . . Wrestling, State Prep Champ	1959 . . . . . Rifle, State Champ	1977 . . . . . Football, Virginia Independent Conference Champ Basketball, undefeated
1933 . . . . . Basketball, State Champ Baseball, State Champ Wrestling, State Prep Champ	1960 . . . . . Rifle, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army Champ	1979 . . . . . Football, Virginia Independent Conference Champ
1934 . . . . . Wrestling, State Prep Champ	1961 . . . . . Baseball, State Champ	
1937 . . . . . Boxing, State Golden Gloves Football, undefeated	1962 . . . . . Rifle, 1 <sup>st</sup> place, Virginia Tech meet	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
1939 . . . . . Boxing, South Atlantic Champ	1963 . . . . . Rifle, 1 <sup>st</sup> in National ROTC Fencing, undefeated Peeps football, undefeated	<b>Thanks to Don Studer for helping to compile this list.</b>
1940 . . . . . Boxing, South Atlantic Champ Boxing, State High School Champ	1964 . . . . . Rifle, National Trophy Fencing, undefeated	<i>Some of the dates may be incorrect, and since the yearbooks were not always complete, we may have missed a year, or a team, or put a team in the wrong year. We would like to have a complete, correct list in the next issue.</i>
1942 . . . . . Rifle, Hearst Trophy	1965 . . . . . Rifle, National Trophy Soccer, undefeated	<b>Let us hear from you!</b>
1943 . . . . . Boxing, South Atlantic Champ	1966 . . . . . Fencing, undefeated	
	1967 . . . . . Fencing, undefeated	

## Top Augusta teams and players

# We're looking for champs

Over the years, AMA has won area, state, district and national championships in various sports, but school records are sketchy. (see opposite page) There have been Augusta cadets who have set records or won in impressive one-on-one events, but we don't have a record of those winners either.

Reunion 2001 will honor every cadet and coach who participated in athletics at AMA over the years, plus our cheerleaders. Some sports went away (boxing, cavalry) and other sports became popular (lacrosse, soccer). We need YOUR HELP in putting together a list of **AUGUSTA STARS** and **great Augusta teams**.

Were you on a championship team when you were at AMA? Even if you were not, do you know of a team that won a district, state or national championship while you were a cadet? (see opposite page)

Do you know of individual cadets who set records or otherwise stood out in some athletic event?

We have identified 15 sports (plus cheerleading) that were played over the years at AMA:



**FOOTBALL**  
**BASKETBALL**  
**BOXING**  
**BASEBALL**  
**TENNIS**  
**SOCCER**  
**CHEERLEADING**  
**CAVALRY**  
**CROSS COUNTRY**  
**SWIMMING**  
**FENCING**  
**GOLF**  
**TRACK**  
**WRESTLING**  
**RIFLE**  
**LACROSSE**

Some sports had several levels of competition. Football had varsity, JV, Tiger, Peeps and Minnows teams over the years. Basketball had varsity, JV and Tiger teams. Baseball put varsity, Junior and Tiger teams on the field.

Did other sports have different levels of play? Did some of the non-varsity teams have undefeated seasons or produce stars?

Please let us hear from you - **and hear from you soon!**

E-mail: AMABayonet@aol.com

FAX us at :925/736-2598

Write: 142 Silver Pine Lane, Danville, CA 94506

## Who are the guys in this '41 photo?



In the winter issue of *The Bayonet*, we published the 60 year old photo, above, from the 1941 *Recall*. We asked if anyone knew who these fellows are.

**Chris Harrison, '43**, says the second from the left is **Bill Lyon** "whose Army Air Corps Dad buzzed Big Barracks one Sunday." Chris says that **Jack Haley** from Providence, RI is the fifth from the left.

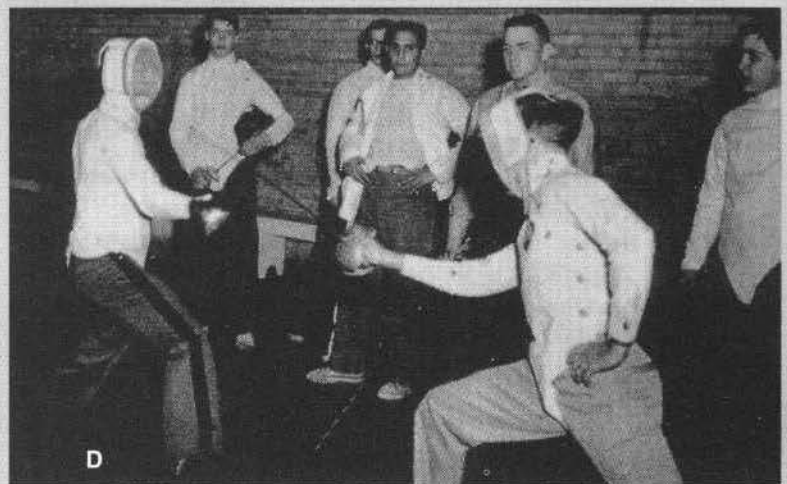
Chris thinks the cadet on the far left is **Nate Adams**, but **Mickey Gordon, '39**, says it is "**Hops**" **Adams** (who later served on the AMA Alumni Board), and that Nate Adams is the *fourth* guy from the left, and no kin to Hops, but the brother of **Howard Adams** who was killed during World War II. "The second from the left is a fellow named **McIntyre**, I think," says Gordon.

**Jim Bowman, '41**, agrees with Gordon that the cadet at the far left is Hops Adams and that Nate Adams is fourth from the left. But he thinks **Bill Nichols** is fifth from the left, and that the fellow on the right is **Ken Coote**. **Tom Behrendt, '40**, agrees that the man on the right is Coote and that the man on the left is Hops Adams, that the fourth man from the left is **John Cort**, and that second from the right is "**Goose**" **Montague**.

Now comes Nate Adams, one of the men in the picture, and here's what he says: "These fellows were the *Busted Aristocrats of the year* [men who had held rank, but were busted for some infraction of the rules]. *Hop Adams is the first man on the left, I am fourth from the left, then Bill Nichols. The guy on the right end is Ken Coote, or Little Coote. (His older brother we called Big Coote). Hops, Nick and I were in the Band and Major Manch had a lot of privates that year. By the way, we all got our stripes back in time for the Final Ball.*"

One final note: Nate thinks that the third man from the left is Tom Behrendt, but Tom didn't seem to think so.

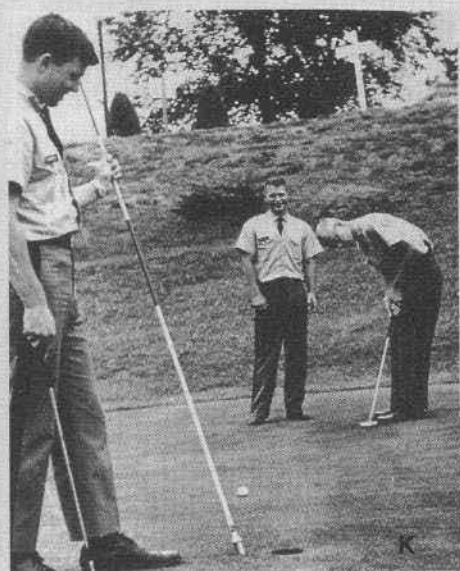
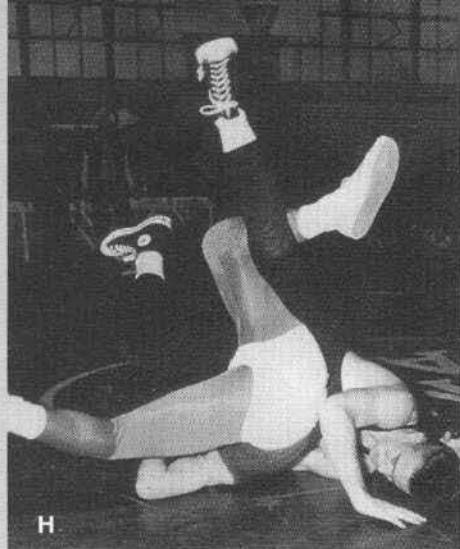
This controversy may last longer than the mystery of who really killed President Kennedy!



# AMA'S







# athletes

- A. Howard Peterson against Massanutten, 1973
- B. The winners of the 1949 Orchid Bowl, best in the country
- C. Bill Ruth jogs safely to first, AMA beats Fishburne, 1965
- D. Hugh Harmon on the attack, 1957
- E. Dick Atwell leads Greenbrier around the track, 1961
- F. The Augusta Cavalry, 1938
- G. Mal Livick takes the net after Augusta beat Massanutten, 1975
- H. Bob Harris pins a Miller School opponent, 1968
- I. Julian Quarles, Prep School boxing Champ in 1935
- J. Jorge Chulia shows why he was All Conference, 1981
- K. Hank Perryman putts, Clint Pangborn and Doc Wallace watch, 1966
- L. Bruce Reyngoudt presses against W&L, 1970
- M. Roger Messick, John Fox, Parker Ward and Jack Bowers, the 1952 State Swimming Champions
- N. The 1963 Rifle Team won the national championship: John Aragona, Jess Porter, Tom Cannon, Charlie Conatser and Wayne Higgins



## Against Fishburne *Blue and White* plans to bring trophy home

The cup belongs in Fort Defiance! That's the way the Blue and White netmen feel about the Hudgins-Roller Trophy, named in honor of the superintendents of Fishburne Military School and Augusta Military Academy.

At Reunion 2001, AMA will try to get the trophy back from FMS which won the second annual tennis match last year. AMA had won the first match in 1999, 2-0.

**Frank Pilley, '51**, Captain of the AMA team, says, "We played them hard last year," he says, "but we need to do



Action at the AMA/FMS match last year

**The 2001 AMA/FMS tennis match  
is dedicated to the memory of  
LES HIGBEE, '35**

better in 2001." Six players, including some newcomers, have signed up to play so far, according to Pilley. And he is looking for a few more players.

If you will play for Dear Old AMA, please get in touch with Colonel Pilley at 703/323-7111, or you can e-mail him at: fpilley@aol.com. The match will be played at the Staunton Country Club on Friday 4 May at 1 PM.

The renewal of the AMA/FMS rivalry commenced in 1998 during Fishburne's annual alumni weekend in Waynesboro. The match moved to AMA territory last year.

The trophy is named for Colonel Morgan Hudgins, longtime FMS superintendent, and **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.**, AMA's beloved "Big Boy." Hudgins and Roller graduated from VMI 100 years ago. Both played on the great 1900 and 1901 VMI football teams with a man named George Catlett Marshall, Roller's roommate. Marshall was Chief of Staff during World War II and later served as Secretary of State under President Truman.

### **Superintendent's son writes about AMA's influence on Ron Green**

A interesting letter recently arrived from Brett Green, the son of **Ron Green**, who was superintendent at AMA in 1981-82: "I was just nine when we lived in Fort Defiance, and many details of the school, I can't remember. But I can visualize that courtyard, and the amazing structure of the



barracks. After my Dad left AMA, he went to Kemper Military Academy in Missouri. My father's love for the military and the military education system has not died since he passed that love on to me over the years. Currently, I am serving my seventh year in the Army as an explosive ordnance disposal

technician, with prior service in the Infantry. I am also working on a degree in Military History. I just wanted you to know how much AMA and the other military academies I grew up around have influenced my life."

## 4<sup>th</sup> annual sporting clay shoot at Reunion 2001

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual sporting clays shoot will be a part of Reunion 2001, according to **Blaine Clarke, '72**. The shoot is scheduled for 3 PM on Saturday 5 May at the Flying Rabbit in Harrisonburg.

Last year, **Stride Coleman, '72**, broke 38 of 50 clays to win the contest in 2000. **Rick Ellett, '72**, placed second with 36/50 and Clarke was third with 35/50.

Clarke noted that last year, all the awards went to guys from the Class of '72. "We'd like to challenge any other class or AMA group that thinks they can beat us," he says.

You can get more information by calling Clarke at 301/933-3966, or you can e-mail him at: nuroses53@aol.com.

No need to register in advance, but let Clarke know if you plan to shoot so he can reserve a place for you.



## To speak at reunion

# Jim Stillwagon, '67, won Lombardi, Rockne, Outland, plus All-American

**James R. Stillwagon** is his name, but his AMA friends called him "Rosie." An Ohio boy who came to play, and who made the other team's offense pay a stiff price for precious yardage.

Co-Captain of the Ohio State Buckeyes, he was consensus All American in 1969 and 1970. He won the first ever Lombardi Trophy as college football's top lineman in 1970, the year he also won the Outland Trophy and Knute Rockne Award.

Rosie played in two Rose Bowls for Ohio State, and in 1971 was drafted by the Green Bay Packers. "They still had slave labor practices in pro ball in the '60's and '70's," says Jim. "Once a team signed you, they could do whatever they wanted... and there wasn't anything you could do about it, except go off to the Canadian Football League."

Which is what Jim did, joining Joe Theismann at the Toronto Argonauts where he became co-captain and was All Pro-CFL player for his entire pro career, 1971-77. "Would I have preferred to play ball in the United States? Sure, but it just didn't work out that way."

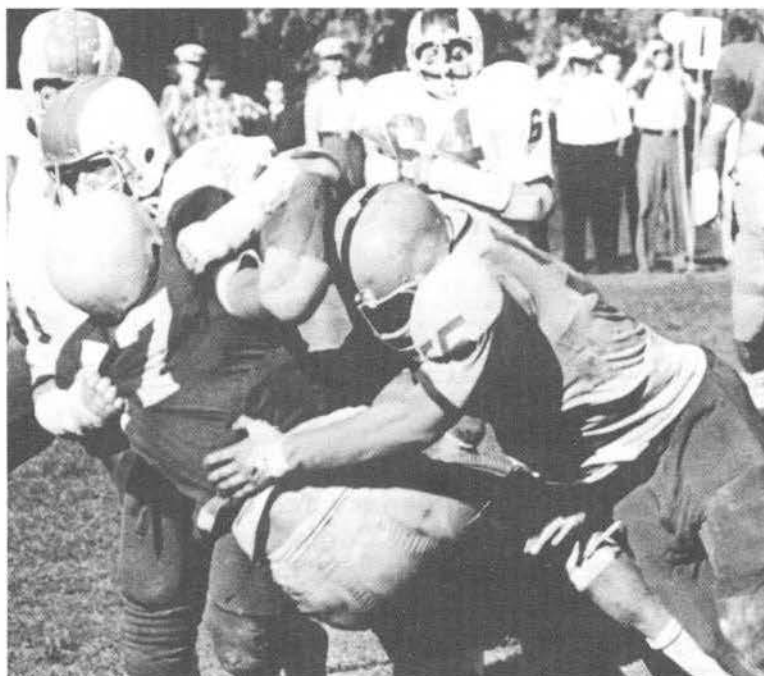
In 1979, Jim was inducted into the Ohio State Hall of Fame. (Read more about him on the Ohio State homepage: [buckeyepro.com/players/stillwagonj/](http://buckeyepro.com/players/stillwagonj/)) In 1991, he became a member of the National College Football Hall of Fame. And he has been a member of AMA's Hall of Fame since he first drove through the Front Gate in 1964.

**Colonel Mal Livick** remembers when he and **Ed Clymore** traveled to Mount Vernon, OH to attend "Jim Stillwagon Day." Livick says that Woody Hayes, Jack Tatum, and many other great Ohio State players came to Mount Vernon to honor Jim.

Jim's brother, **Tom, '62**, had come to Augusta earlier. Jim was attending St. Vincent DePaul in Mount Vernon, OH, "but I didn't get along too well with the nuns." Tom helped convince Jim that AMA was the place for him.

Jim went out for baseball, ran track, and played lacrosse under **Major Hart**. He excelled at every sport, except one. "I wasn't too good in basketball," he says, "so I gave that up for wrestling."

In case you think that all Jim did at AMA was go out for sports, note that he was the Company Commander of Headquarters Company his senior year. He was on the academic privilege list his junior and senior years, and



**BLITZING** - Jim Stillwagon (55) smashes a Massanutten ball carrier in a 1966 game. This is the kind of bruising defense Jim played at AMA, Ohio State and in professional football.

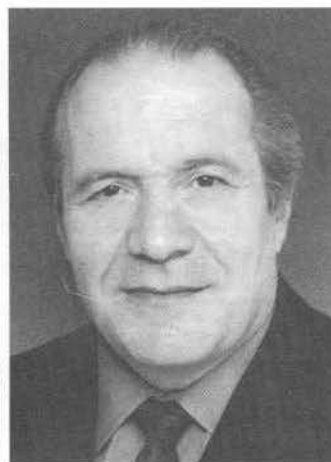
marched in the Roller Rifles. He also won All Military in 1966 and 1967.

His football playing days at an end in 1977, Rosie joined Jostens, the company that manufactures AMA class rings. Four years later, he formed Jim Stillwagon Enterprises, dealing in service awards and advertising specialties. In 1985, a new company – Stillwagon Enterprises – was formed. In 1989, Jim added Star Lock Security Systems to his business world, a company dealing with high security locks for the vending machine industry. In 1991, he formed Gary Guard, Inc., making live line tools for the electric utilities industry.

Jim and his wife, Effie, have three daughters: Nicole, 27; Angela, 26; and Electra, 21. All went to Ohio State. Jim is active with the Central Ohio Diabetes Association because one of his girls has diabetes. He has also served on the board of the Open Shelter which takes in some 120 men each night.



**Jim Stillwagon, '67 Recall**



**Jim Stillwagon, 2001**



# Special Friday trip during Reunion 2001

A visit to historic New Market and the battlefield where VMI cadets rallied to their duty.

New Market is a charming Shenandoah Valley town where much history was made

A SPECIAL AMA TRIP  
OVER THE SAME ROUTE  
THE CADETS TOOK

*On 15 May 1864, a superior force of Federal troops was routed by the Confederates after the historic charge of cadets from Virginia Military Institute who had marched up the Valley Pike from Lexington. US Route 11 and parts of I-81 go over the very same route.*

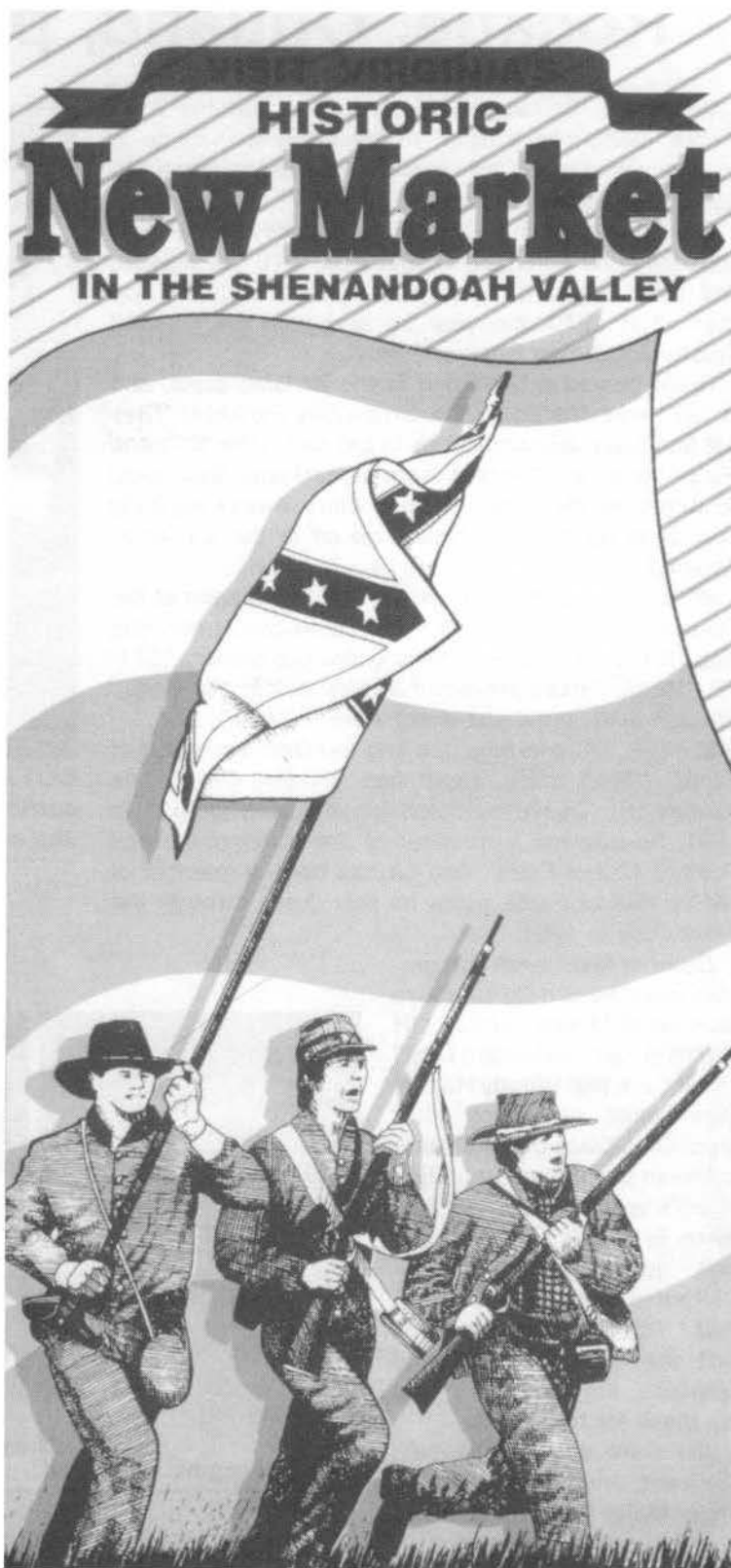
You'll visit the New Market Battlefield Military Museum and the VMI Hall of Valor.

Then, visit a unique Farmer's Market in nearby Dayton in the center of Mennonite country.



## DISCOVER THE SIMPLE PLEASURES OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY

20 unique shops under one roof - baked goods, jams, handcrafted oak and pine, toys, jewelry, handicrafts, quilts, specialty coffees, kitchenware, books, local art, sweets, and more!



Luxury motor coach provided by Bob Hume, '63. Lunch will be on your own. Nice places to eat at the Dayton Farmer's Market. Trip and admission to all sites: \$10 per person. Indicate on your blue Reunion 2001 registration form that you will make the Friday trip!

# Alumni Medal deadline near

The deadline for nominations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual AMA Alumni Medals is fast approaching. Medal Committee Chairman **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, announced that all **nominations must be submitted by 31 MARCH, 2001** to be considered.

The medals are presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to the AMA Alumni Association either through one very special act, or from a series of meaningful contributions. There is no specific number of medals to be awarded in a given year.

The medal itself is the traditional AMA medal suspended from a blue and white ribbon.

## Nominations in writing

Nominations should be made in writing. Mail to MEDAL, AMA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101. You can e-mail to: [AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com](mailto:AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com).

AMA alumni, faculty, staff or any other individual who has contributed significantly to the AMA Alumni Association is eligible to be nominated. Medal winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet on Friday night of Reunion 2001.



**2000 WINNERS** - Four Augusta alumni received the AMA Alumni Medal at Reunion 2000. L. to r., Bob Bradford, '50, Mickey Gordon, '39, Gary Nicholson, '70, and Tommy Simmons, '53. The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2001 award is Saturday 31 March 2001.

Mail to: AMA, P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101. You can e-mail your nomination to: [AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com](mailto:AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com).

## Williamsons donate Virginia Gentleman

At each reunion, **Frank Williamson, '60**, has a raffle on a bottle of Virginia Gentleman. In the first year, he raised \$326; the next year, \$606, and last

year, \$1008. This year, he and Bev will donate four bottles of Virginia Gentleman for the raffle and their goal is to raise at least \$1500.

Your chance to win will be four times as great as in past years! Thank you very much, Bev and Frank, for all you do for AMA!

## NEW BOOKS AT ALUMNI HOUSE

Two new books at Alumni House: the first is a *Veteran's Guide to Benefits*, to determine where assistance is available to veterans. *How to Locate Anyone Who is or Has Been in the Military* can be helpful if you are trying to find an old friend.

## THE KIDZ WILL HAVE FUN at REUNION 2001!

**"What will there be for me to do there, Daddy?"**

That's the question many AMA alumni will get from their younger children who are coming to Reunion 2001 with their Dads, Grandpas, and even Great-grandfathers.

**Brett Thompson, '75**, says there will be plenty for kids to do. A swimming party at the Holiday Inn. Nintendo and other games set up in a special Kids' Game Room at the headquarters hotel.

Hanging out together. Brett has conferred with an expert in what kids want to do. It's his 11 year old son, Will. "Will says that any game with a ball is a good idea." Year before last, Will met the 10 year old grandson of **Bill Harris, '48**. "From that moment on, they entertained each other."

If you're thinking about bringing a child or children to Reunion 2001, you might want to contact Brett.

Call him at 804/296-8488, or you can e-mail Brett at: [bdt2@mindspring.com](mailto:bdt2@mindspring.com)

CHILDREN UNDER 12 pay  
NO REGISTRATION FEE at  
REUNION 2001!

## Two more to buy rooms in Alumni House

Two more angels have appeared to help pay for the renovation of the AMA Alumni House and Museum.

**Carroll Knicely, '46**, made a contribution of more than \$10,000 to "purchase" the Big Room, the room at the right when one enters the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

John Maragon, a Fishburne alumnus who orchestrated the renewal of competition between FMS and AMA on the tennis courts, also has given \$10,000 to the AMA Foundation. The "Athletes at AMA" area will be dedicated to him.

**Bob Plecker, '40**, has sponsored Colonel Hoover's classroom; **John Jansing, '43**, bought the cadet room; **Mickey Gordon, '39**, underwrote the upstairs meeting room, dedicating it to the former presidents of the AMA Alumni Association; **Duke Fancher, '58**, is patron of the Fancher-Hamilton Room which contains uniform and other displays; and **Bob Bradford, '50**, and Nancy have sponsored Maggie Belle's parlor, the left front room in the house.

## Silent auction opportunity to buy good stuff

It's often been said that one man's trash is another man's treasure, but when looking at items donated to past AMA Silent Auctions, there is nothing faintly resembling trash in anything offered for sale.

Last year, beautifully crafted angels, home made quilts, hand made cigars, and a stay at an alumnus' B&B were some of the items offered which brought in more than \$1500.

The auction is a great opportunity to get a bargain on something totally unique. Rumors abound that a hand

## Two historical markers at Alumni House

In commemoration  
of the visit of  
the President of  
the United States,  
Dwight D. Eisenhower,  
to the  
Augusta Military Academy  
October 27, 1960

This site  
has been placed  
on the  
National Register  
of Historic Places  
by  
the United States  
Department of the Interior

The two markers shown above will be installed near the front door of the AMA Alumni House/Museum in time for Reunion 2001.

crafted cherry rolltop desk will be among the items auctioned this year.

It is also a great opportunity to give something to the auction that you do not need any more. You loved it once, and someone will love it again. And in the process, good old AMA makes some money!

Last year, there were also dolls, framed prints, a Dutch oven, Matchbook toys and some unique AMA "things."

**PLEASE BE THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN BRING TO THE AMA SILENT AUCTION WHICH GOES ON DURING REUNION 2001!**

When you stop off at the Holiday Inn to get your registration packet, they will have instructions about where to bring your contribution to the 2001 AMA Silent Auction.

## Big plans for Class of '61

**Jack Steele** is agent for the Class of 1961, and he is working hard to get his classmates back for their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion.

Jack says that Reunion 2001 will be his third in a row. *"Each year gets better. It's a wonderful opportunity to renew old friendships and make new friends... and fun to talk about the good memories we have of AMA."*

Jack is suggesting that his classmates stay at the Days Inn, directly across from the headquarters Holiday Inn. (See page 9 for hotel and motel phone numbers) *"We can spend Saturday afternoon with the Class of '60 eating shrimp and oysters, and getting to know each other again,"* says Jack.

Jack got a letter out to his classmates in late January and has heard from several guys who plan to attend the reunion: **Jim Crawford** from Atlanta, **David Sauers** from Santa Monica, CA, **Steve Speciale** from Spring City, TN, **Bill White** from Belington, WV, **Clay Willcox** from Vinton, VA, **Don Swanson** from Panama City, FL, **Ron Reigelman** from Concord, NC, **Ed Trott** from Pigeon Forge, TN, and **Ron Baker** from Albany, NY.

If you need to get in touch with Jack, e-mail: [ritchey304@aol.com](mailto:ritchey304@aol.com).





## Trustees named

# AMA Foundation plans

THE AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors has approved the transfer of funds to the newly created AMA Alumni Foundation, and a Board of Trustees has been appointed to operate the tax exempt entity.

The AMA Foundation will function to include "charitable, scientific and educational purposes" which encompass the AMA and VMI scholarship programs, the AMA Alumni House/Museum, and *The Bayonet*.

The initial foundation board of trustees will have seven members including Alumni Association President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, and Treasurer **Duke Fancher, '58**. The by-laws of the foundation call for the president and treasurer of the alumni association to be voting *ex officio* members of the foundation board.

Other trustees are **Rod Willey, '51**, **Frank Williamson, '60**, **Garry Granger, '71**, **Gary Nicholson, '70**, and **Bob Bradford, '50**.

The Foundation is being structured so that contributions to it will be tax deductible. The AMA Alumni Association will continue to plan and execute the annual

alumni reunions, and operate the PX in Alumni House and as a mail order enterprise. Fees and purchases paid to the Association are not tax deductible.

The Foundation will be able to raise money for the AMA Museum since it is open to the public without charge, and thus serves an educational function. The AMA Legacy and the VMI Scholarships are educational and charitable, while *The Bayonet* is considered educational.

The Association may lend support to the Foundation by the transfer of funds from PX and reunion profits. But to keep its tax exempt status, the Foundation is prohibited from giving financial support to any Association function, such as the annual reunion.

Saunders says that the Foundation "is the organization that will carry on the name and legacy of AMA." Bequests and other gifts to the

Foundation can continue to grow while the proceeds from the principal will permit the Foundation to underwrite its programs.

There's a plan where you can help your family and yourself, *plus help the Foundation!* See page 40.



## THE BAYONET QUIZ

AT REUNION 2001, A TRIP TO NEW MARKET IS PLANNED. THIS IS WHERE THE VMI CADETS MARCHED INTO BATTLE IN THE CIVIL WAR AND HELPED CONFEDERATE FORCES DEFEAT A SUPERIOR UNION FORCE.

CAN YOU NAME THE CONFEDERATE GENERAL, A KENTUCKIAN, WHO COMMANDED THE SOUTHERN FORCES AT NEW MARKET?

E-MAIL YOUR ANSWER TO: [AMABAYONET@AOL.COM](mailto:AMABAYONET@AOL.COM) ★ FAX TO 925/736-2596  
OR MAIL TO 142 SILVER PINE LANE, DANVILLE, CA 94506



WIN A COPY OF:  
**THE BATTLE OF NEW MARKET**  
WRITTEN BY WILLIAM DAVIS

A 240 PAGE VOLUME WITH MAPS AND PHOTOS

AND BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR THE NEW MARKET TRIP ON  
FRIDAY 4 MAY, LEAVING THE HOLIDAY INN AT 9:15 AM

## HONOR CLASSES IN 2001



**60 YEARS AGO** - The members of *Ad Astra* at AMA in 1941. Seated, l. to r., Major Charles S. Roller, Jr., *Ad Astra*'s founder; Captain Cyrus McCue; Captain Tommy Roller; and Captain Sam Wales. The colorful back row, l. to r., is Steven BLACK, Ed BROWN and Sid WHITE, all Class of '41.



**30 YEARS AGO** - Tim Cooper, the Cotillion Club President in 1971, makes music during the first informal of the school year.

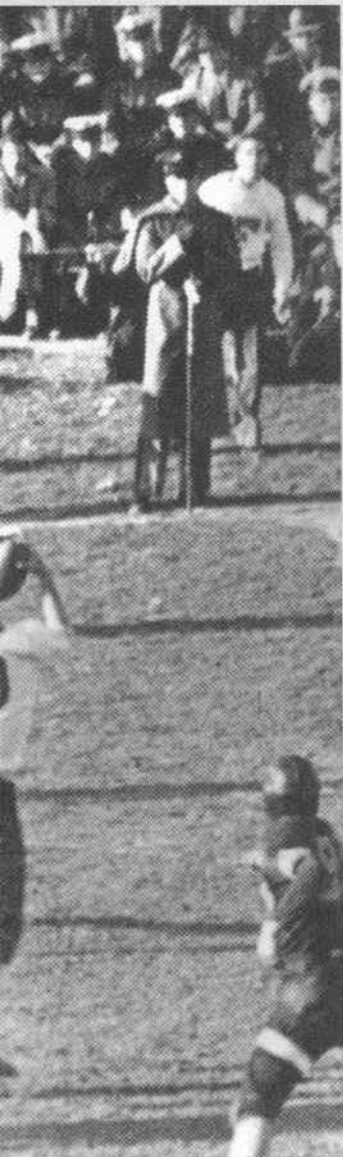


**25 YEARS AGO** - Sergeant Don Stude range in 1976. Bullseye, Sarge?





checks Mike Payne's shot on the ROTC firing



50 YEARS AGO - In 1951, it's the Fishburne game. Tommy Hamilton intercepts an FMS pass while the Corps looks on.



40 YEARS AGO - The National Anthem sounds, the Corps of 1961 salutes as the Sunday Parade goes on, sunshine or snow.



20 YEARS AGO - A photo from the 1981 Recall. Who are the cadets in this picture?





**ON THE SHELF** - These four alumni built shelving for the Alumni House/Museum supply room. L. to r., Garry Granger, '71, Bill Scarborough, '69, Mark Femrite, '72, and Lewis Kennett, '72.

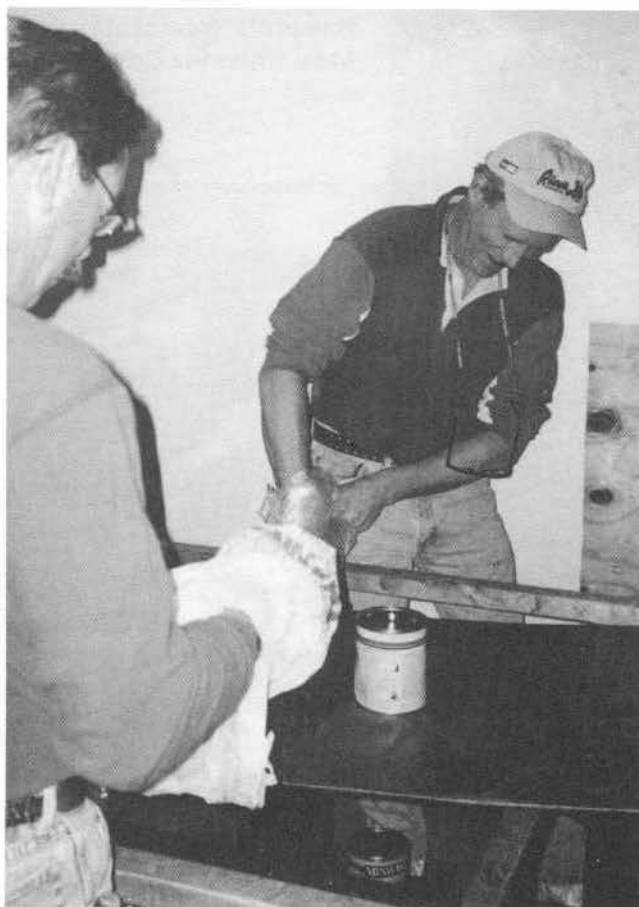
## A day at ALUMNI HOUSE



**HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE** - Frank Spencer, '49, and AMA Alumni Association President Goodloe Saunders, '57, chat before the board meeting.



**INVITED GUEST** - John Maragon, a graduate of Fishburne Military School, speaks at the January AMA Alumni Association Board meeting. Maragon has contributed \$10,000 to help with the renovation of Alumni House. Others in the photo are Duke Fancher, '58, Ed Click, '50, Rod Willey, '51, Garry Granger, '71, Gordon Metz, '68, Dave Conrad, '59, Tom Mitchell, '52, Steve Trent, '70, Bruce Orenstein, '69, and Paul Bratton, '48. Standing, rear, Don Studer and Joe Josephson.



**A PERMANENT STAIN** - Bill Scarborough, '69, and Lewie Kennett, '72, staining the shelves.

## On Maryland National Champ team

# Dick Nolan, '50, NY Giants star, head coach of both the '49ers and Saints

AMA's varsity football team went 8-1-1 in 1949, losing only to Fork Union, and tying Manlius. The Blue and White outscored their opponents 235-76, and one guy in particular seemed to be all over the field.

In the game against Greenbrier, played in Lynchburg under the lights, **Dick Nolan, '50**, fell on an AMA fumble to help Augusta win 29-9. In the Manlius game, Nolan scored on the second play from scrimmage, the only TD of the day for AMA in the 6-6 tie. On Thanksgiving Day, Nolan broke off right tackle to score in a game where Augusta smothered Massanutten 37-7.

Nolan, born in Pittsburgh and raised in White Plains, NY, also played varsity basketball and varsity baseball, and ran track for AMA. And how did he end up in Fort Defiance? *"I had a scholarship from Maryland, and Coach (Jim) Tatum thought I needed a year at AMA before I came to Maryland,"* Nolan recalls. So, at age 16, he came to Augusta to play for Coach Buck Chapman.

Dick was a CW though he lived in Big Barracks. **Tommy Clements, '50**, Captain of Headquarters Company, says that *"Dick was a really good guy. A good athlete, yes, but beyond that, a really good guy and a very good cadet."*

**Colonel Frank Pilley, '51**, remembers that Dick roomed with **Bob Hantsch, '50**, in Room 105, **Colonel Roller's** show room. *"Dick was a very good student, and a very nice fellow,"* says Pilley.

### A national title

In the fall of 1950, Dick enrolled at College Park to play quarterback, but he became both an offensive and defensive halfback for the Terps and played in the Orange Bowl against Oklahoma in 1953, where Maryland won the national title. The season over, Nolan was invited to play in the Senior Bowl, and later in the Chicago All Star contest.

There, a New York Giants scout spotted him and offered him a contract. In the 1954 season, Richard C. Nolan began eight years of dazzling defensive play in the National Football League, during which he helped the Giants win one National and two



**NEW COACH of the San Francisco 49ers, Dick Nolan, '50, right, with 49er President Lou Spadia, in 1968.**

Eastern Conference championships.

In the middle of his Giants career, he was briefly traded to the Chicago Cardinals, but the Giants made another trade a year later to get him back. Dick had made friends with Tom Landry, and his playing career over in 1962, Dick became the defensive coordinator for the Dallas Cowboys.

Well, Dick thought his playing

days were over. One day, Landry asked Nolan if he wanted to suit up. Dick replied that he was 20 pounds overweight and out of shape, but he nevertheless asked Landry when he wanted him to play. *"Tomorrow,"* Landry replied.

So Nolan went up against the Eagles in the Cotton Bowl, a game where the on-field temperature reached 107 degrees! *"I had lost the entire 20 pounds by halftime,"* says Nolan.

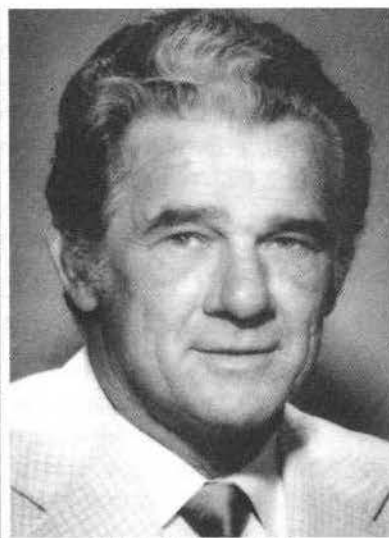
He coached under Landry until 1968 when he got a five-year contract to turn the San Francisco 49ers into a winning team. In its 22 year history, the 49ers had never won a title in the NFL or in the old-All-America Conference. Jack Christiansen had just been fired after a 7-7 season, and the 49er President, Lou Spadia, wanted a winner.

### A quarterback dilemma

Nolan had three quarterbacks to evaluate: John Brodie, George Mira and Steve Spurrier. He says that the best player on the 49er defense was Hall of Famer Jimmy Johnson (no, not the Dallas one). In 1970, Dick was National Con-



**Dick Nolan, '50 Recall**



**Dick Nolan, 2000**

ference Coach of the Year. In three straight seasons, Nolan led San Francisco to three National Conference Western Division titles. Three times, his old mentor, Tom Landry, and his Dallas Cowboys won the crucial game. *"We lost to Landry and Dallas in 1970, the last game ever played in Kezar Stadium,"* says Nolan. The next season, the 49ers moved to Candlestick Park. In eight years at San Francisco, Nolan had a 54-53-5 record.

In 1976, Dick went to New Orleans to be defensive coordinator for Hank Stram. In 1978, Stram was fired and Dick became head coach of the Saints, where he stayed for three years. In his last season in the Big Easy, he was forced to discipline some players who retaliated by playing poorly. The Saints didn't win a game the rest of the year, and Dick was out of work. (Bum Phillips took Nolan's place, and the first thing he did was to get rid of the troublemakers.)

Dick then went back to Dallas to work for Tom Landry. When Landry was let go, Nolan stayed on for two more years to help Jimmy Johnson (yes, the Dallas one). Nolan retired for good after that.

Dick now lives in Trophy Club, TX, near Grapevine, on a golf course. His son was defensive coach for the Redskins this past season and is now an assistant coach with the Jets. Dick and his wife, Elizabeth, who he married fresh out of Maryland, have six children in all.

As we honor AMA's coaches and players at Reunion 2001, we pay a special tribute to Dick Nolan, Class of 1950 - college star, pro star, and NFL coaching star!

### Hyperlinks connect AMA to other sites

There is a growing list of hyperlinks — two-way links — between the AMA webpage and other organization's pages. AMA now has hyperlinks with the American Frontier Culture Museum, the Shenandoah Arts and Heritage Center, Staunton Online (a site sponsored by the Staunton News-Leader), and the Virginia Time Travelers site.



**BASKETBALL TOO** - Dick Nolan (24) also went out for basketball at AMA. Shown here with Al Haywood (27) and "Snood" Willard (28).



### A new brochure tells all about THE AMA ALUMNI HOUSE/MUSEUM

We thank Bob Harris, '54, most sincerely for making these brochures available to our visitors. The brochure contains the first floor plan of the house, and a thumb-nail history of the Old House, all done up in AMA blue and white!



If you would like to have a copy of the brochure, just send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: **BROCHURE, AMA Alumni House/Museum, P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101.**



## Confederate re-enactor dies

# Charlie Hillsman, '71, Southern gentleman

Charles E. Hillsman, '71, who is remembered at AMA as a drummer without peer, passed away at his home on a Civil War battlefield on 17 December, after a yearlong fight with stomach cancer. He was 50.

Hillsman portrayed General Robert E. Lee and led thousands of Confederate re-enactors on the anniversaries of the great battles at Gettysburg and Sharpsburg. Born in Richmond, he was totally immersed in his Southern heritage. His great-grandfather was one of 600 Confederate officers who were captured and later tortured. His family home at Sailor's Creek, VA was used as a hospital in the last battle of the Civil War, and was later given to the State of Virginia as an historic site.

Hillsman began taking part in re-enactments in 1977 as a private, and worked his way up to the rank of Brigadier General. At the end, he commanded what is known as Longstreet's Corps.

**Nick Syropoulos, '69**, himself a 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant Civil War re-enactor, says he remembers Charlie "for his great musical and drumming abilities at AMA. He was the best drummer in the Band (which he commanded in his senior year), and was lead drummer in the school rock bands."

**Bob Mitchell, '70**, recalls that he always hoped to play the drums as well as Hillsman did. "I am sure that he is drumming in heaven right now."

"**Scotch**" **Melcher, '71**, had called Charlie just a week before he died. "We talked about half an hour about the afternoons when we fenced together with **Gordon Metz** in Hoover Hall, and how Band Company made our Roller Rifles march so proudly in all our parades. Charlie was and is a big part of AMA."

Charlie's cousin, **Rick Ellett, '72**, and **Bill Scarborough, '69**, had visited Charlie and his wife, Winnie, in early December. "I was not at all pleased with his condition," said Scarborough, "but he wanted to get out and so we took him to a near-by town where they were having a



**Nick Syropoulos, left, with General Charlie Hillsman, at the Confederate Maryland Ball in January 2000.**

festival and living history exhibits. Several of his re-enactor pals were there and he got to sit by the fire and talk with them. Rick and I wandered off so he could have this special time with his boys..."

During re-enactments, General Hillsman liked to walk through the Corps' encampment and Syropoulos often accompanied him. "He would introduce me to everyone he saw and say, 'We went to THE ACADEMY

together!' That gave me a little extra credence... Charlie gave me the hobby of re-enactment which I will carry on in his honor. It will be hard to sit by the campfire and not hear his many stories. He did what he did to honor the memory of those gallant men who fought for what they thought was right... I know he is with the real soldiers now, and he will have as honored a place as they do."

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# Hillsman was the first and only Commander of Longstreet's Corps

By Winnie Wagaman



he tent fly over Confederate headquarters provides little relief from the sultry July sun. Leaning over a weathered map sketched by his engineer, **Brigadier General Chuck Hillsman** studies which way he will position his three divisions for the attack. He is surrounded by his staff, officers meticulously attired in authentically correct uniforms, their boots and buttons spit-shined. He is a perfectionist and a consummate worrier about every detail. Commanding more than 10,000 men - including 60 pieces of artillery - would be unnerving even for a contemporary officer in a real battle. But this is where he shined.

Hillsman was the first and only commander of Longstreet's Corps, an organization comprised of more than 30 living history groups with 1,000-plus members, that was founded in 1983 and existed until his death on 17 December 2000. That positioned him as the longest-running commander of any Confederate organization today.

He began his career 23 years ago as a private when he walked on the field toting his musket at Sailor's Creek Battlefield. He was first a member of the 14<sup>th</sup> Tennessee of Archer's Brigade and later joined the 18<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry, Company G, at its founding. He moved up through the ranks. Five years after being elected commander of his corps, he was promoted to a colonel at the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1988. There, his photograph was taken and, the following month, appeared on the cover of *U.S. News and World Report* - an omen of his upcoming success.

Since then, he has had the honor to serve as overall Confederate commander of the largest re-enactments in

the past several years including the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, held in July 1998; the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Sharpsburg, held in September 1997; Grant vs. Lee, held in Culpeper, VA, in 1999; Chancellorsville, held in September 2000 at Fort Pickett, in Blackstone, VA; and the 136<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Cedar Creek in Middletown, VA, in October 2000.



he discipline of the military lifestyle was instilled in him at a young age. The son of a funeral director, Hillsman was enrolled at the **Augusta Military Academy** as a young boy. He was graduated a captain and company commander. But this experience is not what attracted him to the 19<sup>th</sup> century conflict. He is driven by a passion to preserve his family's heritage, as well as others who have gone before him.

*"My family, as well as many others, sacrificed so very much. It seems that the very least we can do, or indeed, I consider it a duty, to not allow their sacrifices to be*



**General Hillsman leads some of the members of his Corps in prayer before the re-enactment of the Battle of Bentonville, NC in March of 2000.**

*forgotten," says Hillsman.*

The war touched his family in many ways. His great-grandfather, Captain James Moses Overton Hillsman, served with the 44<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry. Although wounded in three different battles, including Chancellorsville, he never left the field. He was captured at the Bloody Angle at Spotsylvania Court House and became one of the Immortal 600, a group of Confederate officers held as prisoners by the Union Army and tortured in retaliation. This despicable act was remembered long after the war had ended.

Captain Hillsman survived the ordeal and, after his parole at the end of the war, walked from Fort Delaware to his home in Deatonville, VA, wearing the same uniform in which he was captured. Little did he know what awaited him at home.

While he was in prison on Morris Island, SC, and Fort Pulaski, GA, the war raged throughout Virginia and, literally, came into his home. A fierce and bloody fight - the Battle of Sailor's Creek - had occurred in and around his family's home, now known as the Hillsman House. Built in the 1770s by his ancestors, the house served as a Federal field hospital where the wounded of both Northern and Southern commands were treated. Blood stains remain on the floor, evidence of the carnage that cost General Lee 8,000 men, more than half of his army. It was the largest number of troops to ever surrender in a single action on the continent. Seventy-two hours later, General Lee issued his famous General Order No. 9 at Appomattox.

After the battle, the Hillsman family couldn't bear to live in their house, so they share-cropped the land until 1934 when they donated the estate to Virginia to be preserved as a state park.

In April 2000, Hillsman came full circle when he commanded the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Sailor's Creek - the last major battle of the war in Virginia. He was at home there.

A pilgrimage last October to Fort Pulaski reaffirmed Hillsman's commitment to preserving his family's legacy. His great-grandfather's courage and bravery not only inspired him but also gave him faith in his ability to command.

"I regard any re-enactment as one giant memorial in motion. They reach

more people than any other form of remembrance," he said.

His men were also an inspiration. Although he was a perfectionist, he was admired and loved by his troops for the discipline he instilled. His daily dress parade was a sight to behold. He drilled his men by the "book," The School of the Battalion, and was one of the few Confederate officers in re-enacting who knew these Civil War military maneuvers. He could recite

## A tribute to Augusta

*On a sleepless night before the funeral service for Charlie Hillsman, his wife, Winnie Wagaman, wrote these words about his affinity for AMA.*

When the source of one's greatest joy is gone, we rely on God's graciousness and our memories for comfort. Never have I known anyone who has touched more lives in so many vast ways as Chuck Hillsman. Whether to you he answered to Charles, Chuck, Charlie, the General, Brother or "Hey, Daddy," it matters not. He was unsurpassed as a true Southern gentleman. It wasn't an act of part of his 19<sup>th</sup> Century impression; it was genuine.

In addition to his parents, the biggest thread in the weaving of his cloth was the Augusta Military Academy - AMA - and **Colonel Paul Hoover**. As Captain of Band Company, and leading saberman on the fencing team for AMA, Charlie developed discipline and friendships that followed him all his days, including his very last, here, on Earth. **Bill Scarborough**, who spent the last two weeks of Charlie's life with him, leads the boys of Augusta Military Academy in their memorial. These adult teenagers have a Harley Davidson Motorcycle Club, the AMA Roller Riders, of which Charlie is now an honorary member. They used to ride their scooters to our house to visit. They would drink lots of beer, reminisce about AMA, and the fish in our pond. Charlie treasured these men, especially **Nick Syropoulos** who served on his staff of Longstreet's Corps. These men were his second family growing up, and their bond is fraternal and forever...

them in his sleep.

Recognized by many for his cocked kepi, he was widely known for his story-telling. After the work was through, visitors to his camp couldn't help being mesmerized by his South-side accent as he told stories of his family and the homespun life around Deatonville. His signature story, "The Long Dog," and tales of his cook, Stinky's, horrible food always brought laughter.

## Historical Gold Medal

Last year, Hillsman was awarded the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal by the Janet Randolph Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in recognition of his tireless work on behalf of Southern history. He was honored, in part, for serving as the overall Confederate commander of the largest re-enactment in modern-day history and his many public speaking engagements on the Immortal 600.

Off the field, Hillsman, 50, earned his living as a professional farrier. He was graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a degree in music, and was the drummer for a classic rock band. He was also a devoted father, raising his 18-year-old son, J.E.B., and was a member of the Amelia Masonic Lodge and Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Hillsman's wife, Winnie Wagaman, a 22-year re-enactor who serves as a lieutenant on the staff of the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Artillery Battalion, lives in his Grandfather Hillsman's house, Hickory Hill, about four miles from Sailor's Creek. A professional journalist for seven years and the author of *Civilian POW: Terror and Torture in South Vietnam*, she has a doctorate from University of Maryland.

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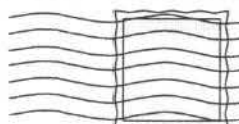
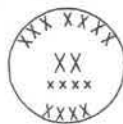
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*Re-enactments of Civil War battles will be held in many places this spring and summer. For information on the time and place of these events, write: GnHillsman@aol.com*

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## Letters to the Editor



### Overwhelmed at AMA Museum

I had my first opportunity to visit the AMA Museum, and I was absolutely overwhelmed. First, we have the right people taking care of things. I could not have been more impressed with the quality of their work, or with the hospitality they showed visitors.

Second, we have made tremendous progress toward recreating what AMA life was really like, particularly in Colonel Hoover's classroom and in the cadet barracks room. If you are an alumnus and have not been to our museum, do yourself a favor and go there soon.

I plan to leave some things to the Museum in my will, and I'll bet you'll decide to do that too.

**Bob Ridgeway, '62**  
Gastonia, NC

### Some corrections

In the article about company and platoon cups in the last *Bayonet*, two of the names were misspelled.

The best company commander in 1936-37 was **C. A. Clyborne, '37**. He was my company commander and he was killed in action in World War II.

And the best company commander in 1937-38 was **Larry Kurtz, '38**.

**Mickey Gordon, '39**  
Fort Defiance, VA

### Lee Walker, '34

Here's the last word on my Dad. He was very sick for a very long time, and faced it with great humor and an oversupply of courage. The VA hospital was superb. They allowed him to go in comfort and dignity. I am convinced he could not have gotten better care anywhere. They face old men dying every day, but they wept with us for Dad.

He always enjoyed reading AMAMail and *The Bayonet*, and was never tired of sharing stories about AMA. I'm sure among the first to greet him on the other side was **Colonel Roller**, and many an instructor and cadet he spoke of so fondly.

I believe there are few blessings that match a Dad who loved AMA, the men and the values, and who shared them with his children.

**Nancy Ellen Walker**  
Gap, PA

### Scholarship winner thanks AMA

I am a sophomore at Case Western Reserve University and this has been a challenging year. I changed my major from computer engineering to engineering physics which will enable me to get an engineering degree, but to continue studying physics.

My AMA Legacy Scholarship has been a tremendous help. Some of the books in my course cost more than \$100! I am going to use the concepts I have learned in college, and it makes sense to keep the books I use now as reference materials for the future, rather than selling them at the end of the semester. The scholarship money will enable me to keep these important volumes.

I am working on the campus newspaper and our paper won the 1999-2000 Newspaper Pacemaker Award at the Associated Collegiate Press national convention. I was glad to have had a part in this success.

I am honored to have received your scholarship.

**Justin Morgan,**  
grandson of **Frank Spencer, '49**

### We had the winning platoon in '48-'49

The last issue said there was no award for the Best Platoon in 1948-49. Well, there was, and it was won by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon of D Company, commanded by **Lawrence Fetner, '49**. The platoon guide was **Bill Twyman, '51**, and the tech sergeant was **Bill Hill, '50**.

I was the 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant of D Company which was commanded by **Fred Shappee, '49**, and **Bob Eacho, '49**, was 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant.

**Jim Lane, '49**  
Virginia Beach, VA

*Editor's note: The Best Platoon Cup on display in the AMA Museum has no entry for 1948-49.*

### An SMA boy who made good

My wife, Frances, has an older brother, now 80, who went to SMA for just one semester in 1937. Nelson Puett, Jr. says that he spent most of that one semester in the SMA guardhouse. He was sent home, and has never been back to Staunton. Instead, he enrolled at the University of Texas, and at 145 pounds and standing only 5'7", he played first string halfback. Today, he is one of the ten most wealthy Texans. He lives in Austin and buys and sells banks, and 40,000 acre ranches!

**Bill Harris, '48**  
Round Top, TX

### Remembering father

**Charles Newton Hulvey** attended AMA around 1902-1905. Later, he was on the faculty of a military school in Roanoke and was Commandant of Tennessee Military Academy, where he met my grandmother. They purchased a home west of Charlottesville in 1921, now the site of University Village Retirement Community.

My grandmother told me that Charles' mother packed his suitcase and sent him to AMA with a five dollar gold piece, and a note to Professor Roller which said that was all the money they had for tuition. The note also said that if the five dollars was not enough to please send Charles Newton back home. He didn't come home until the school term ended, so I guess it was enough.

**John H. Wright, III**  
Charlottesville, VA

# \$2,000 AMA Legacy Scholarships planned

The AMA Foundation will grant two \$2,000 AMA Legacy Scholarships to the direct descendants of AMA alumni in May of 2001. This year's awards were announced by **Bruce Orenstein**, '69, new Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

The Legacy Scholarship Fund was created to help keep the name of Augusta Military Academy alive. Those eligible to receive scholarship grants are the children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, *et al*, of alumni (including natural, step and adopted) who are in an institution of learning beyond high school, and who are 25 years of age, or less.

Orenstein said that offering two scholarship awards for \$2,000 "makes the honor all the more meaningful." Orenstein also said that the awards will be paid directly to the institution where the student is enrolled.

Applications are being judged by Stephanie Tayman, a Maryland educator who is not associated with the AMA Alumni Foundation.

Winners will be notified in April, and will be invited to attend the annual Awards Banquet on Friday 5 May during Reunion 2001.

**The deadline for submitting  
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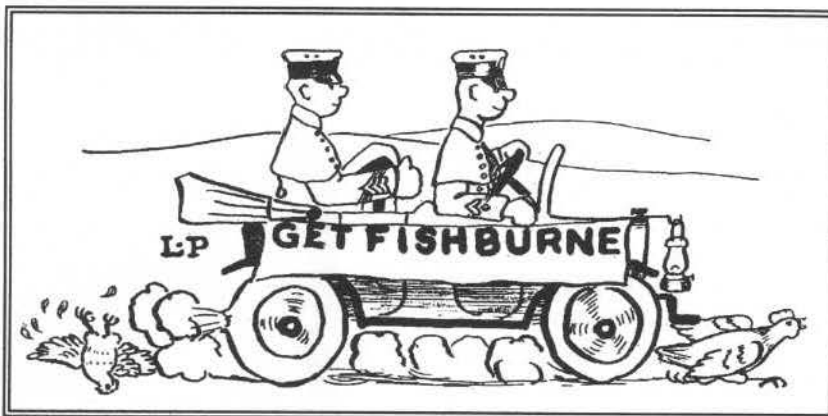
In June of 1901, three men graduated from the Virginia Military Institute.

**George Catlett Marshall** went on to become the Army Chief of Staff in World War II, and to serve as Secretary of State in the post-war Truman Administration.

**Morgan Hudgins** went home to Waynesboro, eventually to become the superintendent of the Fishburne Military School. And **Charles Roller, Jr.**, the Big Boy, went on to become AMA's commandant, principal and superintendent.

Concomitant with the graduation of Hudgins and Roller from VMI 100 years ago, there began a renewed rivalry on the athletic field between AMA and FMS.

This year, Reunion 2001 is dedicated to all the cadets who went out for any sport while at AMA. Whether it was Peep or



From the 1924 Recall

Pratt. In 1886-87, Fishburne had a man named Frank Pappy and a brother named John. Frank was a pitcher. AMA had a wonderful pitcher named Barton Effinger from Harrisonburg and also a substitute pitcher, Andrew Warwick, who was a day scholar and walked three miles to school each day.

"...Fishburne and Augusta that year played

three games. The first game was at Fishburne and Fishburne won. The second game was at AMA and we won. Then, a tie game was played on the baseball grounds at New Hope, with the game going on for 14 innings, stopping with a tie score.

"The catchers had no mitts then like they have now. They would generally have the local shoemaker put some shoe leather on the end of ordinary glove fingers. Each catcher

# 100 years ago

varsity football, lacrosse, fencing, swimming, or soccer, or any of the other sports played at Augusta in the past century, the teams and players will be honored at this year's reunion.

During the reunion, the AMA-FMS rivalry will be continued on the tennis courts in the 3<sup>rd</sup> renewal of the Hudgins-Roller Cup. AMA won in 1999 and Fishburne won in 2000. **THIS** is the year to bring that trophy back to Fort Defiance!

Back to General Roller and Colonel Hudgins days at VMI: both played football in the VMI backfield, Hudgins at quarterback and Roller at quarterback and halfback. The two, who played through "thick and thin" for VMI, then became rival players when they became player coaches at FMS and AMA. From 1901 through 1906, they played in the day of the flying wedge, long before the forward pass was used. The two also met on the baseball diamond at least twice a year with The Big Boy catching for AMA and Hudgins pitching for Fishburne. The first baseball game between the two schools probably was in 1898.

In 1954, General Roller wrote a letter to Fishburne Cadet James Battle, sports editor of the Fishburne school paper. Excerpts follow: "It may have been longer ago than 1882, but I remember seeing the account of a baseball game that was played on the Fishburne grounds. There were two Staunton boys on the Fishburne team, Hugh Kerr, Sr. and William

would put a slice of beef steak in the glove so it wouldn't sting him. The first baseman had the same kind of glove. No one else had any kind of gloves at all.

"The two schools played constantly through the years, always two games and sometimes three games in a year.

"Colonel Hudgins... was a magnificent curved ball pitcher and a very superior batter. When he did not pitch, he played shortstop and was one of the best. Fishburne had one of the best batters on its faculty, named Bill Fetzer. All the preparatory schools in the South played their teachers in all athletics up until 1910, when they got together and agreed that the teachers could not play anymore.

"My brother, **Thomas J. Roller**, was a pitcher and I was the catcher on the AMA team for years. Both of us played as cadets and again as faculty members.

"I suspect that the relationship between Fishburne and AMA has continued longer than any other preparatory school in the whole country... Baseball outranked all the other sports in the preparatory schools of Virginia up to about 1930. Baseball then went into decline behind football, basketball, boxing and swimming."

★ Thank you, Fishburne alumnus John Maragon, for the story idea ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



# SPOTLIGHT on ALAN DIAMONSTEIN

## Going for Lieutenant Governor of Virginia

In January, Virginia State Delegate **Alan Diamonstein**, '48, strode to a waiting microphone in Newport News to announce that he was a candidate for lieutenant governor, and that his campaign would be *"positive, spirited and fun."*

Diamonstein has been a Democratic member of the Virginia House for 33 years. As lieutenant governor, he would have the official responsibility of presiding over the State Senate. The lieutenant governor's position also is viewed as a stepping stone to running for governor.

Virginia is one of two states (New Jersey is the other one) that elects its state governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general in "off years." In 2001, these top posts will be on the November ballot in the Old Dominion.

But first, there is the Democratic Primary on 12 June. At least two other Democrats also seek the nomination. Diamonstein estimates that the primary will cost a million dollars, and he will need an additional three million dollars if he earns a spot on the 6 November ballot.

### Came to AMA in 1946

Al lived in Hampton when he came to Augusta in the fall of 1946. He plunged into the cadet life, joining the swimming team and going out for JV football. Under **Coach Carl Becker**, the JVs went undefeated in the 1947 season. He was consistently on the Honor Roll, wrote for *The Bayonet*, and played in the Band.

He then entered the University of Virginia, but had a tour of active duty with the Air Force before returning to Charlottesville to get a BS degree in commerce. He then earned his LLB degree at the University of Virginia Law School. He now holds honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from the College of William and Mary (1997) and from the Christopher Newport University (1990).

He is a senior partner in the law firm of Patten, Wornom, Hatten and Diamonstein in Newport News.

His long service in the Virginia House now sees him chairing the House Democratic Caucus. He was Chairman of the Virginia Democratic Party in 1982-86, Chairman of the Southern Democratic Caucus from 1984 until 1992, and has been a member of the Democratic National Committee Executive Committee.

Diamonstein currently serves on the Rules, Finance and Counties, Cities and Towns Committees as well as being Co-Chair of the



Al Diamonstein, '49 Recall



General Laws Committee. He also serves on the Jamestown-Yorktown Board of Trustees and on the Joint Commission on Health Care.

He is on many community boards and committees: The Mariners Museum, Washington Airports Task Force, CHIP of Virginia, National Council of State Legislatures, and the Pamela Harriman Foreign Service Fellowship.

President Clinton appointed him to The President's Legislative Council and to the Board of the National Housing Partnership.

### Many honors and awards

His honors and awards would fill pages. A lifetime membership in the PTA, the Hampton-Newport News Community Service Hall of Fame, the Virginia School Boards Award of Excellence, a life member of the Jaycees, the Brotherhood Citation Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

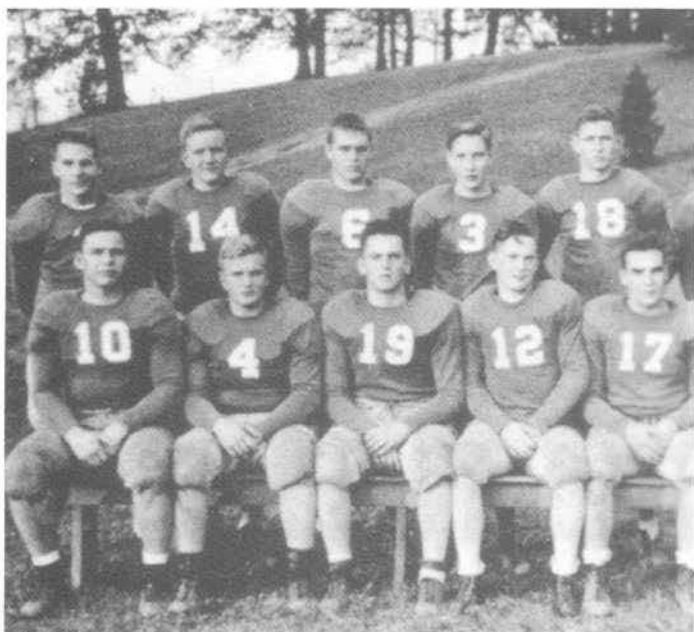
Diamonstein says that he is running for lieutenant governor for three reasons: to advocate for a long-term investment in education; to work for fiscal responsibility in Virginia; and to help restore the kind of *"civic responsibility and participation that has marked the greatest achievements in Virginia's history."*

As he made the announcement of his candidacy, Diamonstein was surrounded by his family. His wife, Beverly Hicks Diamonstein, and their four children, were there. So were his grandchildren who brought a smile to Grandpa's face when they giggled and rolled in the floor.

Diamonstein historically has done well in his largely Republican Newport News district. But his influence was diminished after Republicans gained control of the legislature in the 1999 elections. He lost the Chairmanships of the Virginia Housing Study Commission and the Higher Education Subcommittee, and was removed from the powerful House Appropriations Committee.

Al Diamonstein seeks higher office, he says, "because I'm still passionate about the issues I was working on."

If you'd like to get a message to Al, his e-mail address is: AAD002@aol.com.



**THE STATE CHAMPIONS** - Al Diamonstein (19) played on the undefeated AMA JV football squad in 1947. Other members of the team above are John Ramsey (10), Ott Cohen (4), Diamonstein, Ernie Jackson (12), Neil Lefkowitz (17), rear, Gray Kinnie, Fred Mather-Smith (14), Ken Lacy (6), Jack Russell (3), and Dan Street (18).

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**YEARS LATER** - John Kennedy, III, was AMA, Class of '39. His son, John, IV, and members of his family paid a visit to Fort Defiance recently. They toured the Museum and learned how things might have been when their father was a cadet. In the photo above, l. to r., Michele Palmisano, Cadet Kennedy's daughter; Jeff Kennedy, a son; Karen and Jack Kennedy, a son and daughter-in-law, and Mary Kennedy, the senior Kennedy's wife and mother to the younger generation.



**ILLEGAL BEEFCAKE** - John Tyminski, '76, with the sunglasses, and Andy Wilks, '75, are caught sunning on the roof of Big Barracks, a big no-no. Brett Thompson, '75, took the photo, and says they used to slip through the slats in the Tower onto the roof to catch some rays.

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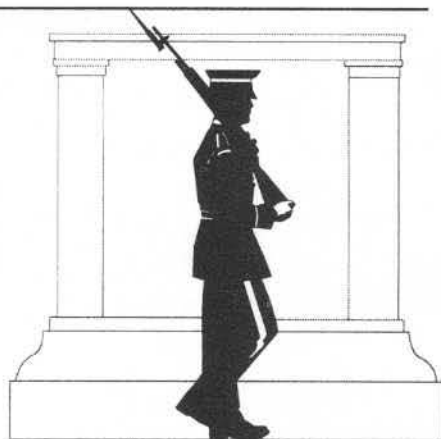
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#### **Porter A. McCray**

1 December 2000, 92, at his New Jersey home. Assistant professor at AMA 1930-35, and later a professor at VMI. International ambassador for the Modern Museum of Art and close friend of the Rockefeller family. Native of Waynesboro. Trustee of the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace. Involved in a number of nonprofit organizations established by the Rockefeller family which endorsed and supported artistic and cultural programs. Survived by his sister, Frances Jacob, of Eugene, OR.

#### **William G. Wigton, '31**

23 December 2000, Plainfield, NJ. No details available. Bill attended Reunion 2000, the first time he had been back to AMA in nearly 70 years.

#### **Mary Katherine Wineland**

25 December 2000, Port Washington, MD, wife of **Fred Wineland, '43**, the former Maryland Secretary of State.

#### **John A. Mohler, '43**

9 January 2001, at the Medical College of Virginia, following a stroke and heart attack, age 76. Member of the Augusta County Board of Zoning Appeals; former board member, Planters Bank of Bridgewater; past president, Augusta County Wool Producers.



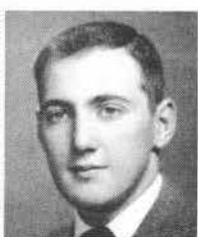
**Porter McCray, 1932 Recall**



**John Hockman, 1944 Recall**



**Charles Vail, 1946 Recall**



**Hugh Owens, '49 Recall**



**Chris Bush, 1964 Recall**

Member, National Jousting Hall of Fame. Survived by three sons: John, Jr., James and Philip, all of Mount Solon, VA; a sister, Jane McCoffey of Mt. Solon; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

#### **LTC Robert C. Powell, '43**

20 January 2001, at Loudon Medical Center, Leesburg, VA, of lung cancer, age 76. During World War II, served in a heavy weapons company and was in combat in France and Germany. Received Purple Heart and Bronze Star. I Korean War, served in 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne. From 1970-75, taught tactical attack and defense at Lafayette College; served as tactical consultant during the Gulf War. Worked in mortgage banking and insurance. Bred and showed basset hounds. No immediate survivors. Reported by **Mickey Gordon, '39**.

#### **John Hockman, '44**

13 March 2000, at West Point, VA, age 74. Former Director of Employee Services at the Chesapeake Corporation of Virginia. Survived by his wife, Maurine; a daughter, Alison Freeland of Keysville, VA; his mother, Lelia Hockman of Strasburg; and two grandchildren.

#### **Charles "Dink" Vail, '46**

6 December 2000, in a Norfolk hospital, 69. Virginia Tech. Founder and former President of Auto Motor Exchange in Virginia Beach. Between 1943 and 1967, he had more than 100 victories in the Hampton, Jollyboat and Flying Dutchman classes. He won the Maury Regatta five years in a row. Awarded the Admiral Richard Byrd Trophy three times for his domination of the Eastern Seaboard Championships. At the 1963 Olympic trials, he outpointed the

America's Cup winner Ted Turner. Captured two national championships in the Jollyboat and Flying Dutchman Classes in 1964. First sailing inductee into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Pyramid Club. Survived by his wife, Meriel of Virginia Beach; a daughter, Mary Lewis of Cornelius, OR; two sons, James and Charles, both of Virginia Beach; a sister, Barbara Hitch of Norfolk; a brother, Jack, of Norfolk; and a grandson, Daniel Vail. Reported by **Jim Lane, '49**.

#### **Milton Fye, '49**

14 April 2000, in Natrona Heights, PA. No details available.

#### **Hugh Edward Owens, Jr., '49**

21 January 2001, at home in Virginia Beach, age 70. Served in Korean War. Owner and founder of Owens Food Brokerage; member of the Food Beverage Association. Lifelong member of Waring's Gym and its Over the Hill Gang. At AMA, played lacrosse, Tiger Football, and wrestled; sergeant in C Company. Survived by his wife, Nancy; two daughters, Martha Mendick-Glasser and Lucy Gardner, both of Virginia Beach; two stepdaughters, Rebecca Hannon of Virginia Beach and Meredith Morse of Seattle, WA; and a grandson, John. Reported by **Jim Lane, '49**.

#### **Gordon Leckie, '49**

No details available

#### **Samuel Wales, Jr., '64**

6 December 2000, at Winchester Medical Center, pancreatic cancer, 55. Son of the late **Colonel Sam Wales** and Linda Todd Wales. Owner and operator of Gold Leaf Trucking. Member, Woodstock Moose Lodge #575; Waterbrook Church of the



**Sammy Wales,  
1964 Recall**

Brethren. Survived by his mother; his wife, Laverne Wales of Edinburg; two sons, Sammy, III, and Timmy; stepchildren Joni Saylor and Terry, Jeff Lambert and Lisa, Brian Lambert and Shirley; four grandchildren, Josie, Megan, Shawn and Dillon Wales; and step-grandchildren Cory and Kelly Saylor.

#### **J. Christopher Bush, '64**

11 January 2001, at Henrico Doctors' Hospital, Richmond, complications from diabetes, age 51. Membership chairman of the International Plastic Modelers Society. Senior printer, Circuit City. F Company at AMA. Survived by his wife, Ellen. Reported by **Lewis Munda**, '53 and **Jim Lane**, '49.

#### **Ruth Tayman**

4 February 2001. Age 90. She donated the wicker porch furniture to Alumni House as well as tables and chairs for the upstairs workroom. Mrs. Tayman was **Gary Nicholson's** aunt.

## **Special thanks to special folks**

❶ To **Sue Willey** for preparing a buffet table for the Saturday 20 January board meeting, and for helping to clean the AMA Alumni House/Museum the week before.

❷ To **Joyce and Ben Zinkhan**, '60, for attacking the dust and dirt in the House before the board meeting. Ben's handyman services are never ending! And he's a pretty good tour guide too!

❸ To **Joe Josephson** for the many hours of volunteering at the House.

❹ To **Bev Williamson**, wife of **Frank**,

'60, for donating several beautiful antique lamps to the House.

❺ To **Dave Conrad**, '59, and **Frank Williamson**, '60, for giving us 20 brand new folding chairs.

❻ To **Bob Harris**, '54, for another truck-load of printed materials and an executive suite conference table. This handsome piece of furniture was put to work within minutes of its installation in the AMA Alumni House/Museum. This is *not* the first time that Bob has made the 10-hour trek from his home in Connecticut with equipment, furniture and supplies which have been of so much help to the volunteers who work at the House. Thanks, Bob! (photo on page 48)

❼ To **Mark Femrite**, '71, and to **Bill Scarborough**, '69, for purchasing and installing the new shelving in the upstairs supply room. Our two carpenters were assisted by **Lewie Kennett**, '72, **Bruce Orenstein**, '69, and **Garry Granger**, '71.

(photo on page 26)

**I  
WANT  
YOU!**



We need your help!  
Will you volunteer for  
Reunion 2001? For too long, too  
few people have carried the  
entire burden. Think about  
how you can help, and give  
some of your fellow cadets  
and their wives a break.

There is so  
much to do,  
and so few  
hands to do  
it with.  
We need your  
participation  
this year!

**YES,  
YOU!**

Registration, the silent auction, the Cinco de Mayo and Kentucky Derby parties, food service, running the PX - think about where you can help. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the reunion registration desk. We REALLY do need your help.

## **Board convenes**

The AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors has authorized the transfer of funds to the newly created AMA Alumni Foundation, and has approved a seven-member board of trustees for the Foundation with the President and Treasurer of the alumni association to be voting *ex officio* members.

Meeting in the AMA Alumni House on 20 January, Treasurer **Duke Fancher**, '58, reported the purchase of two more rooms for the house. **Carroll Knicely**, '46, and **John Maragon**, a Fishburne alumnus, each contributed \$10,000 toward the renovation of the house.

Alumni President **Goodloe Saunders**, '57, asked for volunteers to help staff the AMA Museum and with Reunion 2001. Several board members offered their services to man the house. **Rod Willey**, '51, will coordinate house volunteers.

**John Henderson**, '69, assumed the duties of Planned Giving Coordinator last September, and six new Roller Society members have since made pledges exceeding \$700,000. Further plans will be discussed during Reunion 2001.

# WHOEVER THOUGHT GIVING MONEY AWAY COULD BE SO REWARDING?

Don't let the name fool you!

A charitable remainder trust does provide support for the AMA Foundation.

But, prior to transferring assets to AMA, you and your family can get **income for life, tax savings, and estate planning advantages!**

Created by Congress in 1969 to encourage philanthropic giving, the charitable remainder trust, or CRT, is a powerful wealth transition tool for many thousands of families.

The popularity of this trust comes from the great financial and estate benefits it offers.

With a charitable remainder trust, you can:

**AVOID** capital gains taxes on the sale of highly appreciated assets, such as stock or bonds.

Because the trust is tax-exempt, you can sell the assets inside the trust without incurring immediate capital gains taxes.

**INCREASE** spendable income from unproductive investments while diversifying those investments

(See column at right on how you can receive income from a CRT)

**QUALIFY** for a current year charitable income tax deduction.

Even though AMA and any other charity you name will not receive your contribution until a future time, your irrevocable gift qualifies for a federal (and usually a state) charitable income tax deduction in the year you fund the trust.

**REDUCE** or eliminate estate tax liabilities.

Assets transferred to a CRT are not counted as part of your net estate. Thus, a CRT can be a useful estate tax saving tool for you if your estate is above \$675,000 for 2001.

**MAKE** a substantial contribution to the AMA Foundation and any other of your favorite charities.

After your CRT helps **you and your family with income for life**, and helps your estate, it will help AMA and enable you to leave a lasting legacy!

## HOW INCOME IS PAID FROM A CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST (CRT)

With a charitable remainder trust, you have the ability to select the way in which income is paid from the trust.

Generally, **you and your spouse can get income for the rest of your lives.**

Income interest can either be annuity interest (Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust) or unitrust interest (Charitable Remainder Unitrust).

For example, if you were to establish a \$100,000 annuity trust with a payout rate of 7%, you and any other income beneficiaries would receive \$7,000 annually.

Using the same example for a unitrust, the first year's payout also will be \$7,000, but beginning the second year, the trust's assets would be revalued before determining your payout amount. So, if the assets in your trust increase from \$100,000 to \$120,000, you would receive \$8,400 a year.

Keep in mind, too, that with a unitrust, investment performance of the trust's assets could decrease the payout amount in any given year.

## HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT ALL THIS?

Your fellow alumnus, **FRANK WILLIAMSON, '60**, is willing and able to answer your questions. You can call him at 804/673-9030; e-mail him at: Frank bev1@aol.com; or write to him at: 8134 E. Greystone Circle, Richmond, VA 23229. Participation will entitle you to membership in **THE ROLLER SOCIETY!**

**HELP YOURSELF FIRST — THEN, HELP AMA!**



# What about my kids?

What are your priorities? Likely at the top of the list is taking care of your child or your children in your estate. How can you do that at the same time you are making a commitment to help AMA?

As explained in the columns to the right and left, a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) can give you income for the rest of your life (and that of your spouse, if you wish). You get an immediate charitable contribution deduction on your income taxes. And at the end of the trust's term, the remainder goes to AMA, and any other charities of your choice.

So how do you replace the inheritance that your child or children would have received if you had not been so charitably inclined?

Let's take the example at left of a \$100,000 CRT. In a 55 percent estate tax bracket, \$100,000 passing to your child or children would be worth only \$45,000 to them.

While there are several ways to replace the value of your gift to AMA, life insurance is one of the best ways. You give your child or children enough money to buy and hold a \$100,000 insurance policy on your life (or the lives of you and your spouse in what is called a "second to die option.")

The policy names your child or children as the beneficiaries, and they will receive the \$100,000 face amount *tax free* when you are no longer here.

You don't need to leave your loved ones "high and dry" when you make a sizable donation to a charity. Life insurance can be used to provide an inheritance for your loved ones, replacing the value of your gift to AMA and any other charities.

Talk with your tax advisor!

When you give cash, stock, or other property to the AMA Foundation, you:

## AMA

For further information on how you can help AMA and yourself, call  
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SUPPORT AMA

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# Contributions for the Year 2000

from alumni and friends of Augusta Military Academy

## SPECIAL PATRON (\$20,000 or more)

Mickey Gordon, '39

## PATRONS (\$10,000 or more)

Duke Fancher, '58  
John Jansing, '43  
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Hilton Roller Grasty

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Dave Conrad, '59

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Friends and alumni of  
AMA have found many  
ways to help us. One of our  
alumni faithfully sends \$25  
a month, just like clock-  
work. One alumnus has  
authorized AMA to debit  
his VISA account for \$500  
twice each year for the next  
five years. Still another has  
given us appreciated stock  
which we have sold, and  
for which he will get a nice  
tax deduction.

Fellows who volunteer their  
time at the House also  
make regular donations.  
Some look for things we  
need, and buy them for us.  
Others just drop off a check  
from time to time.

The need continues as we  
pay ourselves back for the  
money borrowed from the  
various AMA Alumni funds  
to renovate your AMA  
Alumni House/Museum.

Please consider how you  
can continue to help. If  
your name is not on this list  
for 2000, get it on the list  
for 2001!

We thank you sincerely!



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## From Colonel Hoover's attic

After Colonel Hoover passed away, family members turned over to the Alumni Association many boxes of photos and slides which had been stored in the colonel's attic. Most had no information to identify them.

Who are the fellows posing with the cannon, below?



And who are the two cadets who are enjoying a glass of punch at White Hall, left? Can you help us? e-mail us at: AMABayonet@aol.com; FAX to 925/736-4961; or write 142 Silver Pine Lane, Danville, CA 94506

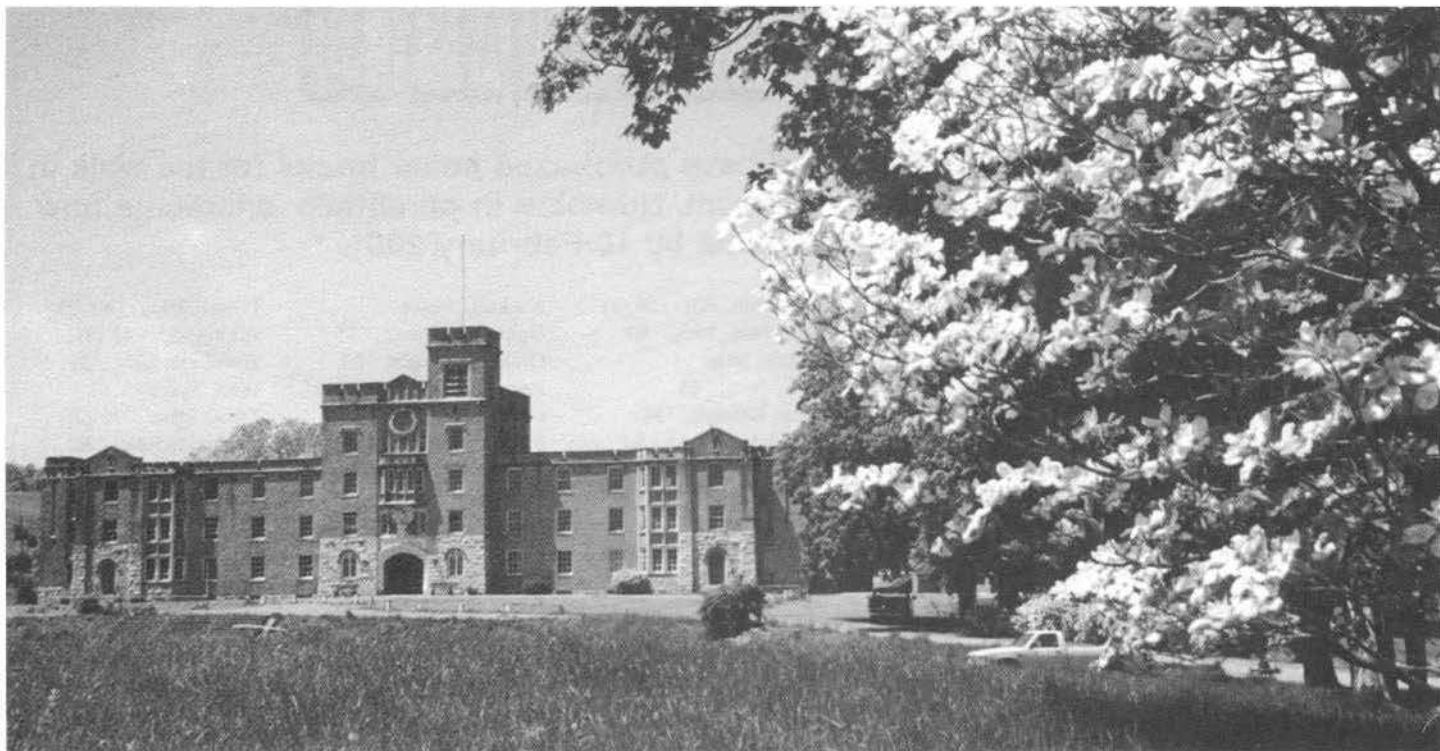
In the last issue, we ran the two photos below. **Lew Munda**, '53, **Meb Turner**, '49, **Harley Hope**, '47, **Bob Rhea**, '47, **Tom Cohoon**, '46, and **Jim Lane**, '49, I ded the eight in the photo; front, **John Larus**, **Rahily Rhodes**, **Don Heppner** and **Bob Rhea**; back row, **R. G. Simmons**, **Colonel Koogler**, **Cordell McGraw**, and **Jim Grove**.



**Colonel Mal Livick** and **John Arthur**, '75, were the first of many to identify the cadet captain, right, as **Tom White**, '77, from North Carolina.

In the last *Hoover's Attic*, we misspelled the name of **Gordon Ambler**, '42. Sorry about that!





Dogwoods bloom in a Spring welcome to Reunion 2001. This photo made at Reunion 2000.

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**RECENT VISITORS** - Admiral Joe Yon, '30 ☉ Judge B. A. Davis, III, '43, from Rocky Mount, VA ☉ Richard McLaughlin, '49, from Staunton ☉ Milt Gallier, '49, from Richmond ☉ Cole Sandridge, '52, and Roy Ann, from Charlottesville ☉ Doug Wright, '35, from Hagerstown, MD ☉ Hurley Wilbourne, '81, stopped by with his son. They live in

**SOME RECENT ACQUISITIONS** - The **Bill Bowers, '69**, Collection - a coach's white jacket; two blue wool AMA jackets with the AMA patch on the left breast; an AMA dress coat; a white mess jacket with its brass buttons; two Eisenhower jackets; a full dress coatee; and two great coats with throw back capes and red lining. ★ The **Douglas Wright, '35**, Collection - A WW II army officer's summer dress blouse; a WW II regulation army officer's brown shirt; an army Eisenhower jacket; an officer's green blouse; an army officer's overseas cap with captain's bars; a black leather Sam Brown belt; a cadet gray wool cape with red lining; a cadet officer's maroon sash; and a saber frog. ★ The Madeline and Camille Collection - a nickel plated fork with AMA engraved on the handle; a rusted door stopper; an iron hook; a blank round of ammunition; an old trigger housing. These items were found in the late 1800's addition to the Roller-Robinson House during renovation. ★ From **Thom Lubala, '71**, a fencing championship plaque. ★ From **Joe Josephson** an athletic monogram "A."

Appleton, WI ☉ **Norvell West, '83**, and his son, Winston, stopped in. Norvell says he was the last cadet to receive a diploma from Augusta. He lives in Roanoke and will be attending Reunion 2001. ☉ **Ed Burke, '55**, of Greensboro, NC ☉ **Gary Gertz, '75**, and Ellen Price, from Waldorf, MD. ☉ **Monty Ellis, '60**, and Kitty, from

Corpus Christi, TX. ☉ **Robert Ridgeway, '62**, of Gastonia, NC. ☉ **Harvey Bowers, '69**, and Sandy from Wasilla, AK (See Bowers collection, above) ☉ **Lee Nestor, '84**, from Sterling, VA ☉ **Come to see us! Museum hours - 10 AM until 5 PM - Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Free admission. Handicapped accessible.**

## Rooms for sale in the AMA Alumni House/Museum!

On page 22, you'll see who already has stepped up to the plate and "purchased" rooms in the house. It is this kind of commitment that has enabled us to turn our Alumni House/Museum into the Gem of the Shenandoah Valley.

For which areas are there sponsorships available?

**The Hall of Honor** where hang the memorials to AMA's

dead in 20<sup>th</sup> Century wars. **The AMA Family** area where the Rollers are honored. **The Administrative Office**, the nerve center of the AMA Alumni House/Museum. **Memory Hall**, which exhibits plaques that have been unearthed on the campus and profiles AMA Alumni Medal recipients.

We will be glad to discuss room sponsorship with you and determine to whom you would like to dedicate the room. For more information, call Alumni House at 540/248-3007.

## PAVER

## PURCHASES

**These alumni and friends of Augusta have purchased paver bricks for the walk in front of the AMA Alumni House & Museum. Numbers in parentheses indicate how many pavers purchased by that individual by 10 February 2001. \***

Acosta, Jean (2)	Christy, James (3)	Hedgepath, Bill, '58 (2)	Nuckols, Janice	Tolson, Jerry, '60 (2)
Adams, John	Clements, Tom, '50	Henderson, John, '69	Ogimachi, Shawn, '75	Tomlin, Al, '48 (2)
Adams, Nate, '41 (2)	Click, Ed, '50, (6)	Higbee, Irene	Orenstein, Bruce, '69	Townsend, Guy, '54
Adams, Robert, '63 (3)	Cohen, Phyllis	Hipp, John, '63	Pannell, Lenny, '68	Trott, Sydney, '61
Adamson, Eric, Faculty	Coiner, Mac, '62	Hoke, Kenneth, '54	Parker, Rip, '51	Trent, Steve, '70 (2)
Adballa, Omar, '67	Cole, Mrs. William, '49	Holsinger, David, '64	Pascale, C.A., '69 (7)	Tyminski, John, '76
Akerman, Irene (11)	Cole, John, '50	Holt, George, '60 (4)	Passero, Steve, '69 (2)	Understein, Gary, '71
Alexander, Joe*	Coleman, Buzzy, '58 (8)	Hutchinson, G. M., '48	Paulsen, Kathy (2)	Van Pelt, Stuart, 45 (4)
Alexander, Lindy*	Collinge, Charles, '46	Hyer, Walter, '42	Payne, Lillian	Venzer, Alan, '44 (2)
Alexander, Nelson*	Congdon, John, '52 (2)	Izenberg, Jerry, '48	Perez-Cardona, J., '66	Vischer, Michael, '67
Alexander, Paul*	Conley, Sam, '47 (2)	Jackson, John, '46	Perry, N. A., '34	Wagner, Brock and Vic
Alexander, Roscoe*	Connor, Edward	Jaeger, Bill, '58	Petty, George, '58 (4)	Wainwright, H. R., '59
Alexander, Stanley*	Connor, Richard, '61	Josephson, Joe (2)	Phillips, Tom, SMA, '74	Wales, Virginia
* Children of	Conrad, Dave, '59	Justice, Bruce, '80	Pigg, Jim, '46	Walker, Willis, '71 (2)
Alexander, John, '09	Coolahan, Mark, '73	Karch, Paul, '79	Pilley, Frank, '51 (2)	Walters, Hal, '48
Alexander, Howard,	Coslop, Arthur, '63	Keller, Bill, '62	Poole, Alan, '67	Webster, Ann
son of	Council, Jim, '49 (2)	Kennedy, Jack, '39	Pope, Roy, '55	Welch, Mike, '47
Alexander, Minor, '04	Crawford, Jim, '61 (3)	Kennett, Lewie, '72 (2)	Price, Mrs. David	Westbrook, Purnell, '60
Amidon, Russell, '68	Crawford, Nathan, '37	Knically, Carroll, '46 (3)	Pursel, Frank, '45	White, James, '52 (2)
Anderson, Fred, '61	Creel, Buckner, '40	Koetzle, Charles, '49	Quarles, Julian, '35	White, Shad
Anderson, Walter, '59	Daniels, Stokes, '50	Kozma, Alex, '50	Ramsey, Clyde, '49	White, Susanne
Andrews, Richard, '46	Deane, H.D., Jr., '48 (2)	Lane, William, '68	Ray, E. J. (2)	Willcox, Claiborne, '61
Armstrong, David	Deuber, Bill, '49	Lappin, Robert, '46	Raybin, David, '67	Wilding, Richard, '48
Arrington, Mike, '76	Dillow, Major Charles	Lea, T.C., '55 (5)	Reech, Stephen, '84	Wiley, Rod, '51
Atchison, Jim, '73	D'Orsay, B. J., '70	Lepper, Lew, '47	Reigleman, Ron, '61 (2)	Williamson, Mrs. F., '60
Baeder, Bill, '69	Durst, Steven, '60 (2)	Leustig, Bill, '69	Reisacher, Bob, '38	Williamson, Frank, '60
Baker, Ronald, '61	Eavers, Joyce A. (2)	Llewellyn, Mrs. R. H.	Rhatigan, Steven, '68	Williamson and
Balbis, Manuel, 53	Eichner, Ken, '64 (2)	Livick, Linda Roller (4)	Ridgeway, Robert, '62	Campbell, '60
Ballou, Slade, '58 (2)	Elliott, Michael, '41	Livick, Colonel Mal (4)	Riedell, Carl, '63	Wilson, William, '46
Batt, Mike & Laura	Ellis, John, '60 (2)	Lobalzo, Mike, '61	Rock, John, '67 (2)	Woodard, Charles, '63
Beard, Ben, '65 (5)	Fancher, Duke, '58 (12)	Lohman, Griff, '72	Roller, Tom, '36	Woods, Jack, '30
Behrendt, Tom, '40 (2)	Farrell, Michael, '63	Mahanes, Virginia (2)	Rosenstein, Scott, '71	Wright, Douglas, '37
Bell, Brian, Sr., '60	Femrite, Mark, '71	Mandes, Tom, '46	Rubush, Bill, '49 (2)	Wright, Margaret Hulvey
Bell, Mary (Ward), '54	Fewell, Betty	Mann, Mrs. Julian	Russell, Jack, '50	(2)
Blake, Tom, '62	Fewell, William (2)	Mannasmith, Tim (2)	Salasky, Leonard, '43	York, David, '65 (3)
Botcheller, John, '67 (2)	Field, John, '47 (4)	Mariner, Helen	Sales, Mrs. Robert (2)	Zinkhan, Ben, '60 (2)
Bottino, Michael, '54	Fields, Francis X., '48	Matton, Steve, '67	Sandridge, Gladys (2)	Zunka, Craig, '65 (2)
Bradford, Bob, '50 (29)	Fishburne Military School	McCabe, Brian, '72	Saunders, Goodloe, '57 (4)	***
Bratton, Paul, '48	Fletcher, Jim, '63	McCawley, Herb, '43 (2)	Scarborough, Bill, '69	
Brewer, Mrs. David	Gallier, Milt, '49	McCue, Joe, '66 (2)	Schroeder, Jeff, '67	
Buckmaster, Bob, '48	Gaston, Mitch, '60	McKee, Jean	Seeberger, Bob, '58 (2)	
Burt, Curtis, '45 (2)	Gordon, Mickey, '39 (2)	McLelland, Jim, '60	Simmons, Tommy, '53	
Byers, Craig	Gossom, Alan, '56	McVey, Bill, '60 (3)	Snyder, Luke, '60 (13)	
Byers, Robert, '35	Granger, Garry, '71 (2)	McVey, Millie (2)	Solan, George, '43	
Byrd, Keene, '59	Grimmer, Jack, '49	Meier, Jack, '55	South, Randy, '67	
Cabaniss, Earl, '43	Guggenheimer, Bob, '43	Meier, General Jim, '58	Spencer, Frank, '49 (5)	
Cabo, Edmund, '74 (2)	Hallock, Virginia	Metz, Gordon, '68 (10)	Spigle, M/M Jack	
Caceres, Andres, '61	Hanson, Dean, '63	Minor, John, '42	Sposito, Paul, '51 (2)	
Carlisle, Mrs. Don	Hargrave, Bud, '51 (12)	Mitchell, Jim, '76	Stanley, Jack, '45	
Carter, Jack, '53	Harris, George, '70 (3)	Mitchell, Tom, '52	Stanton, Patrick, '54 (2)	
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Case, Phillip, Jr., '63	Harris, Bill, '48 (2)	Morris, J. H., '60	Starr, Richard, '67	
Cesafsky, Jon (2)	Harrison, Mrs. Susan	Mundin, Lewis, '53	Steib, Lars, '74	
Chandler, George, '50	Hart, Brian, '66	Myers, Phillip, '71	Studer, Don	
Chauncey, Ed, '49 (2)	Hash, John, '75	Nettles, Reed, '72	Sylvanus, James, '49	
Chezem, Mrs. Jim	Hash, Liz	Newton, Byrd, '60 (2)	Tanara, Al, '61	
Chiswell, Mrs. Dorothy	Hayes, Mrs. Clifton	Nicholson, Gary, '70 (2)	Thomas, Bill, '44	
	Heath, Tim, '70	Nicol, Jean and Henry	Thompson, Brett, '75	

**\* All the pavers ordered by 15 February will be in place at the AMA Alumni House/Museum for Reunion 2001**

*Thank you  
for your  
support*



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*A great start for the  
year! Thank you!*

## Class of '81 to celebrate 20<sup>th</sup>

Major Todd Livick, '81, has been busy trying to corral his classmates to get them back for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their graduation from Augusta.

Todd, stationed at Fort Riley, KS, has contacted all the members of his class who are on the AMA mailing list.

"**Billy Berrora** of Flushing, NY, **Tony Beneventi** from Houston, **Jorge Chulia** from Venezuela, and **Rick Clary** from Axtell, Texas all are planning to come to Reunion 2001," Todd

reports. "It's going to be a weekend of renewed friendship, some good Southern hospitality, and a chance to see the new AMA Alumni House/Museum."

Livick asks anyone else who is in the Class of '81 to contact him by e-mail at livickt@riley.army.mil, or at 785/717-2766.

He also asks if anyone knows of a fellow from the Class of '81 who might not be on the AMA mailing list to please get in touch with him as soon as possible.

Now, a score of years later, the Class of '81 will be coming home to Augusta Military Academy.

## Bring your good "stuff" to the SILENT AUCTION!

Please look around  
to see what you can  
donate to the Reunion 2001  
SILENT AUCTION.

Last year, we raised \$1500!  
We want to top that  
this year!

When you register at the reunion,  
they can tell you where to check  
in your things. Thanks!

**120  
DAYS**

That's how many days the AMA Museum will be open  
between 1 April and 31 October. That means  
we will be needing volunteers to staff the house.

We have NO paid employees. If you live  
anywhere in the area, we really need YOU!

Can you give us a day a week? A day a month? Part of a day each month?  
Please get in touch and let us know when you can be available. Phone the  
AMA Alumni House/Museum at 540/248-3007. Thank you!



**TABLE THE MOTION!** - Bob Harris, '54, presented to the AMA Alumni House/Museum a magnificent 12 foot conference table for the meeting room. Harris and Rod Willey, '51, assemble the table on a work day. See other photos on page 26.

# Books we're looking for

We are trying to find these books to help us with research at the AMA Alumni House/Museum. Some of these volumes are out of print. Do you have any of these on your shelf?

- Blackford, Charles M., *Campaign and Battle of Lynchburg, Virginia*, Warwick House Publishing, 1994
  - Brice, Marshall M., *Conquest of a Valley*, University of Virginia Press, 1965
  - Heatwole, John L., *Lee's Endangered Left*, Louisiana State University Press, 1998
  - Hildebrand, John R., *A Mennonite Journal 1862-1865*, Burd Street Press, 1996
  - Jones, Virgil Carrington, *Gray Ghosts and Rebel Raiders*, Henry Holt and Company, 1956
  - Judge, Joseph, *Season of Fire*, Rockbridge Publishing, 1994
  - Oates, Dan, *Hanging Rock Rebel - Lt. John Blue's War in West Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley*, Burd Street Press, 1994
  - Robertson, James I., *Stonewall Jackson*, MacMillan, 1997
  - Sander, S.F. and Hays, D., *The Olive Branch*, Brethren House Publishing, 1907
  - Tanner, Robert G., *Stonewall in the Valley*, Doubleday, 1976
  - Wayland, John W., *Stonewall Jackson's Way*, McClure Printing, 1969
  - Woodward, Harold R., Jr., *Defender of the Valley*, Rockbridge Publishing, 1996.
- Contact us if you have any of these books, Phone 540/248-3007, or e-mail: [AMAAlumniHouse.com](mailto:AMAAlumniHouse.com).



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